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POLS TO YARDS FOES: VER OUT!

Councilmen, Beep kick opponents off boards

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Paper

Nine members of Community Board 6 were axed this week in a politically-motivated purge over their opposition to Bruce Ratner's Atlantic Yards mega-development.

And a member of Community Board 2 who was not reappointed might have been the victim of her opposition to condo development in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The nine members of CB6, which covers Park Slope, Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill and Red Hook, were booted by Borough President Markowitz and Councilman Bill DeBlasio

MARTY'S FREE CRUISE

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(D-Park Slope), both strong supporters of Ratner's project.

In May 2006, the borough president and councilmembers review their appointments to the unpaid positions without much fanfare — but this year, the rules changed, and some worry about the ramifications.

"My fear is that board members, who are supposed to be protecting the interest of the community, will be fearful

and will look to elected officials on how to vote," said Peter Flemming, a longtime member of CB6. Flemming was reappointed despite his opposition to the Atlantic Yards project.

Last year, CB6 took a strong position against Atlantic Yards — and Markowitz made it clear to several board members that they would pay for their vote against the project.

"He got it off his chest pretty loudly, and more than once," said one Markowitz appointee who was reappointed, but only after several peace-making meetings.

Another appointee said Markowitz told her last year that he would get rid of all the board members who had voted against Ratner's project.

"He pointed at my 'Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn' button and shouted at me that all the people who voted down the project would be gone," said Celia Cacace, whose seat on CB6 is not up for reappointment until next year.

A third board member said Markowitz told him point blank that "no one is appointed for life," and that appointees should

See **PURGE** on page 15



Bill



Marty



David

Accolades for The Paper's Web site

The Brooklyn Paper

Why are you reading this newspaper in print when you could be reading it on our award-winning Web site?

That's right, just six months after The Brooklyn Paper's Web site went live with its redesign, it has been named one of the best in the country by the prestigious Suburban Newspapers of America, an industry trade group.

While we didn't win the top prize in our highly competitive category — non-daily newspapers with circulations above 65,000 — we received honorable mention from the judges of the "Best Local Community Web site" award.

The award is a tribute to the hard work of our web designer Sylvan Migdal, our art director Leah Mitch and our Senior Editor Vince DiNelli. But you don't have to believe us. Believe the judges: "This paper and Web site, covering a section of one of the biggest cities of the world, does a fine job of providing local news for the residents of the area," the judges said in a statement.

The first-place site, plymouth.wickedlocal.com, is owned by Gatehouse Media, publisher of 76 daily newspapers and 260 weeklies in 17 states.

A link to all the winners can be found at www.brooklynpaper.com.

— Gersh Kuntzman

Bloomy: Not running (For Borough President, that is)

By Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Paper

Mayor Bloomberg was in Brooklyn twice this week — conveniently when Borough President Markowitz was on vacation — leading at least a few people to speculate why Hizzoner was spending so much time pressing the flesh in the borough.

Officially, the mayor was on Court Street on Monday to tout improved high school graduation rates and at the Borough Hall greenmarket on Tuesday to talk about a new nutrition program (and buy four apples from Ted King, a farmer from upstate New York).

But The Brooklyn Paper wondered if there was something else. Call it a hunch, but we went right up to the term-limited mayor to ask whether the consecutive visits have indicated that he was seeking higher office.

"I am not running for bor-



Mayor Bloomberg in Brooklyn on Tuesday, where he said he's not seeking the borough's top seat.

ough president," he said. "You've got a great borough president in Brooklyn."

Hear the entire exchange at www.brooklynpaper.com.

This show is for the dogs

By Dana Rubinstein
The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn pet owners must think their animal companions are just talentless slob.

After all, consider this piece of evidence: As of this printing, not one dog-owner (or cat- or parrot-owner) has signed up his or her pooch for Bedford-Stuyvesant's inaugural pet talent and fashion show in Fulton Park.

And the June 2 show-time is approaching as fast as a greyhound chasing a rabbit.

It's not that the organizer,

Madeline Smith, hasn't been doing her best to publicize the unusual event. Just take a saunter through Fort Greene, and you're bound to run into one of her fliers seeking "creative and fashionable pets, whose owners can control them in a crowded area."

"I'm searching for pets that can do tricks," Smith told The

Brooklyn Paper. "Maybe they can walk on their hind legs, or bark out a tune, or maybe [there's] a cat that can do something."

Of course there is, but Brooklyn pet owners don't have any faith in their "best" friends. In-

deed, despite Brownstone Brooklyn's seeming love for Mittens and Princess (see dog strollers, monogrammed scratching posts, and even pet ice cream), a lot of Brooklynites scoffed at the notion

that their animal companions had any talents at all. Phillip Kellogg, a Fort Greene resident and the doing owner of Carlton (named for Carlton Avenue, of course), said that his dog "does absolutely nothing — that's his talent."

Meanwhile, Sharon Barnes, a Clinton Hill resident and a self-described pet-show aficionado, lobbed an inter-species zinger at her dog Ginger (a male), calling him a "scarcely cat."

"He can't perform," said Smith. See **PET TALENT** on page 15

Jitney jilted!

Only 8 take maiden Hampton voyage



ALL (EIGHT) ABOARD! Eight people made the maiden voyage of the Hampton Jitney from Brooklyn to Montauk last weekend. Here, a few Brooklyn Heights residents get on board at Cadman Plaza West, the last stop before the bus is beach-bound.

By Beethoven Bong
The Brooklyn Paper

A three-quarters-empty Hampton Jitney made its maiden voyage from Brooklyn to Montauk last week — yet despite the low turnout, the bus ride was a resounding success for at least one reason.

"It's wonderful traveling with Brooklynites instead of snooty Hamptonsites," said Angela Rizzuti, a Henry Street resident who got on the Jitney at Cadman Plaza, where it made the last of its four Brooklyn stops on Friday afternoon.

Fellow rider Alexandra Von Stackelberg loved the convenience. "This is super. I go out every weekend," she said.

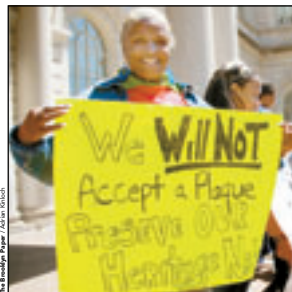
Rizzuti and Von Stackelberg were two of three people who got on at the Cadman Plaza stop, joining just five people who had boarded at earlier stops in Park Slope and Boerum Hill.

Eight passengers might sound low to the average Brooklynite, but it was fine by Jitney officials.

"We're psyched," said Jitney spokeswoman Jennifer Friebe.

Considering we made no advertisements, the fact we have what we have is a positive beginning."

The Jitney plans to make four beach-bound stops in Brooklyn every Friday and return stops every Sunday until Labor Day.



Residents and supporters of Duffield Street rallied on Monday at City Hall, one day before a hearing to determine whether the city could seize historic houses through eminent domain.

Duffield supporters 'Hammer'-ing Jack

By Mat Probasco
The Brooklyn Paper

About four dozen Downtown residents, historians and preservationists roundly slammed a city plan to seize 22 lots by eminent domain to make room for a park and underground parking lot — and they focused their anger on an ironically named city official.

Jack Hammer, director of Brooklyn planning for the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, had the unenviable job on Tuesday of introducing the city's plan to condemn houses that many believe were stops on the Underground Railroad and hand them over to developers.

The goal of the hearing was to collect public comment — and there was plenty of it. "This is shameful and embarrassing," said Lin-

da Eskenas of the Four Boroughs Neighborhood Preservation Alliance. "This travesty must be stopped. It undermines our basic rights, stealing our property and historic homes."

Hammer spent most of the hearing with his head in his hands. Each of the 50-plus speakers seemed more resolutely against the plan than the prior speaker. And many took shots at a controversial \$500,000 study that rejected the claim that houses on Duffield and Gold streets were part of the fabled fugitive slave route.

"[The consulting firm] AKRF provided political cover for demolition of a historic site," said Christa- bel Gough of the Society for Architecture of the City.

Construction worker Jim Davis called the hearing a joke because "city underlings" had no power. See **DUFFIELD** on page 5

Williamsburg man winner by a hair!

By Harry Cheadle
The Brooklyn Paper

Some people's greatest talents remain hidden for their entire lives — but this Saturday, Doug Williams will put his on display and, he hopes, achieve ever-lasting fame.

Williams, you see, has a five-inch nipple hair. That's not a misprint. It's a single hair, growing from his left nipple, and it's five inches long.

On Saturday, the Williamsburg resident will have the hair officially measured and logged by the folks from the Guinness Book of World Records, who believe

Williams's follicular feat may be the greatest on the planet.

There'll also be a barbecue. And why not celebrate? Yes, most people have nipple hairs — but no one has a nipple hair like Doug Williams.

"It's mostly a genetic gift," said the 25-year-old, adding that he suspects — though this can't be proven scientifically — that the hair's unusual length has something to do with his habit of eating at least one cheeseburger every day (alas, he'll never make the Guinness Book for *that*).

As with so many things in life, size matters — but it's not the only requirement. In accordance



HAIRY SITUATION: Detail of Doug Williams's astounding nipple hair. But is it a world record nipple hair?

with the Guinness Book's regulations, the hair will be washed and then measured three times by a local doctor. Anything over 4.5 inches will break the record — yes, there is a current record-holder, Simon Mould of Great Britain.

Trouncing Mould at his own game would, of course, come with worldwide publicity, but that's not why Williams got into the nipple-hair racket.

"I am not attempting this record for the money," he said. "It is enough for me to know that I have inspired an entire generation of young people to grow long body hairs and achieve their own dreams."

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In collaboration with The New York-Historical Society and Weeksville Heritage Center, and accompanying the *Slavery in New York: Brooklyn Stories* exhibit, The Brooklyn Historical Society presents the symposium, *Who Owns Brooklyn? From Farms to Brownstones*.

Moderated by historian Craig S. Wilder, this panel discussion addresses ways in which Brooklynites lay claim to physical and historical Brooklyn. Speakers will explore contemporary themes of gentrification, displacement, property ownership, preservation and creative responses to neighborhood changes.

Thursday May 31, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Brooklyn Historical Society
128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn Heights
For information, call 718-222-4111 or visit www.brooklynhistory.org

Please also join us for a Weeksville Walkabout Walking Tour on Saturday, June 2, 1:00 - 3:30pm
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EDITORS' PICKS

SATURDAY May 26	MONDAY May 28	WEDNESDAY May 30	THURSDAY May 31	FRIDAY June 1
Get grilled You might have already pulled out your madras shorts and flip-flops, but are you really ready for summer? With Memorial Day upon us, now's the time to pick up a barbecue — honestly, grilling on that George Foreman is just shameful. Before too long, it will be too hot to grill and somebody else will have thrown the best party of the summer. Do you really want that to happen? <i>Portable charcoal grill, \$24.97 at Lowe's (118 Second Ave., at 10th Street in Gowanus). For information, call (718) 249-1151.</i>	May march Pay your respects to the veterans and do something with your day off, take part in the King's County Memorial Day parade, the longest-running three-day weekend in the country. Beginning in Bay Ridge, the parade moves south on Third Avenue to Marine Avenue, then heads east to Fourth Avenue, going all the way to John Paul Jones Park where a ceremony will be held. <i>6 pm at 79th Street and Third Avenue.</i>	Question and Auster Perennial borough fave Paul Auster will be at the Brooklyn Academy of Music tonight for a screening of "The Invention of Solitude," a new film that he wrote and directed. After the film, the author will answer questions from the audience. We've got one: what was up with the last page of "Brooklyn Follies"? Vikes. <i>8:45 pm at BAM Rose Cinema (30 Lafayette Ave., at Ashland Place in Fort Green). \$10. For information, call (718) 636-4100 or visit www.bam.org.</i>	Brew you Celebrating their first year in business, the Downtown Bar & Grill kicks off their weekend early with the Extreme Beer Weekend. A dozen different types of beer, all with 9 percent alcohol or more, will be served. You might need those extra few days to recover. <i>6 pm at the Downtown Bar & Grill (160 Court St., at Amity Street in Cobble Hill). Free. For information, call (718) 625-2835.</i>	Book club Bafflingly popular Manhattan DJ trio the Misshapes bring their shuck across the river to celebrate powerHouse Books and their presence at this weekend's Book Expo America conference. With catering by Rice and drinks courtesy of Stella Artois and Big Nose Full Body, reading has never been so much fun. <i>7 pm at the powerHouse Arena (37 Main St., at Water Street in DUMBO). Free. For information, call (718) 666-3049.</i>

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Joy

SAT, MAY 26
Memorial Day Weekend
OUTDOORS AND TOURS
EARLY BIRD WALK: at the Prospect Park Audubon Center. 8 am to 10 am. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3800. Free.
ROCKAWAY PARADE: NY Transit Museum offers a nostalgic train ride to the Rockaways in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Jacob Rius Park. Musical entertainment, antique cars and more. \$30, \$25 kids. 11 am. Call for reservations and meeting location. (718) 694-1600.
MYSTERIES OF THE LULLWATER: Learn about the Lullwater, a large-scale floating exhibit of science and art. Prospect Park Audubon Center. Noon to 5 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400. Free.
WABLER WATCH: Sharpen your birding skills with the Urban Park Rangers. See how many birds you can spot on a walking tour in Prospect Park. Noon. Meet at the Maryland 400 Monument, off of Wellhouse Drive, Prospect Park. Call for info. 311. Free.
NATURE FACTS OR FICTION: Learn if alligators can live in the sewer and if bats really are blind. Get the facts on a nature walk with the Urban Park Rangers. Noon. Salt Marsh Nature Center, 3302 Ave. U. Call for info. 311. Free.
PEDAL BOATING: Cruise Brooklyn's freshwater lake in a pedal boat. \$15 for one hour, plus \$10 refundable deposit. Noon to 5 pm. Enter Prospect Park near the Parkside and Ocean Avenue entrances. www.prospectpark.org.
BIRD WATCHING CRUISE: Learn about the history of Prospect Park, from prehistoric times to present day, while touring one of Prospect Park's habitats for turtles and water birds. \$10. \$6 kids. 11:30 am to 2 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400. www.prospectpark.org.
BROOKLYN BRIDGE AT TWILIGHT: Big Onion Tours takes a tour across the Brooklyn Bridge and through Brooklyn Heights. Stops include Plymouth Church, the AA Low Mansion and sites associated with Arthur Miller, Robert Moses and Norman Mailer. \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. 5 pm. Meet at southeast corner of Broadway and Chambers street, lower Manhattan. (212) 439-1090.
PERFORMANCE
DANCE AFRICA: 30th annual African dance festival at Brooklyn Academy of Music. Program includes performances, films, concerts, workshops, arts, food and crafts. \$20 to \$45. 2 pm and 7-10 pm. Admission: BAM Cafe presents Gola-Bi System, playing African music and dancing to high hip-hop. No cover. 30 Lafayette Ave. Also, Dance Africa bazaar. Noon to 10 pm. Lafayette Avenue and Ashland Place. (718) 636-4100.
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE: Salt Marsh Nature Center hosts an open mic night. Sing, dance, read a poem or whatever you do. 7 pm. Refreshments served. 3302 Ave. U. For info, call 311. Free.
GALLERY PLAYERS: presents "Victor/Victoria." \$18, \$14 seniors and kids. 8 pm. 199 14th St. (212) 352-3101.
THEATER: One World Theater Production presents "Sitting in Limbo," a reflection on local democracy and international politics. \$25. 8 pm. Club Port Royal. 637 Union St. (718) 396-4630.

SUN, MAY 27
OUTDOORS AND TOURS
CANOE EXPEDITION: The Urban Park Rangers of the Salt Marsh Nature Center and scientists from the Natural Resources Group offer a day of adventure. Canoe trip to White Island. Previous attendance at a basic canoeing program required. Children under 12 not permitted. Bring lunch and sun screen. 11 am. 3302 Ave. U. Call to register. (718) 621-0031. Free.
PERFORMANCE
ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE: 10th Anniversary Mini Festival of New Puppet Theater from The Lab. Program of avant-garde puppetry. \$20. 3 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse, 38 Water St. (718) 254-8779.
BARGE MUSIC: Classical music concert featuring an all Beethoven program with the Manhattan String Quartet. \$35, \$30 seniors \$20 students. 8 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.
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BBQ FOR BARACK: Fundraiser for Barack Obama. Noon. Picnic House South in Prospect Park. Donations welcome. www.brooklynforbarack.org.
INDIE MARKET: Collective of Brooklyn-based emerging designers show their wares of fashion, accessories, bath and beauty, pet gear, home-goods and more. 11 am to 7 pm. Smith and Union Street. www.brooklynindiemarket.com.

MONDAY, MAY 28
Memorial Day Parade. The borough's biggest and best march begins at 11 am at Third Avenue and 79th Street and ends at John Paul Jones Park (Fourth Avenue and 10th St.).
TUESDAY, MAY 29
Fifth Avenue BID Steering Committee and Park Slope Fifth Avenue Merchants Association weekly meeting. Call (718) 871-8340 for meeting time and location.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
Community Board 6 forum. On the agenda: rules that govern bars and restaurants. 78th Precinct stationhouse 65 Sixth Ave., between Dean and Bergen streets. 6:30 pm. Call (718) 643-3027.
THURSDAY, MAY 31
Community Board 6 Landmarks and Land-use committees. PS 32 (17 Hoyt St., between Union and President streets), 6 pm. Call (718) 643-3027.
To sit an event in the Civic Calendar, e-mail newsroom@brooklynpaper.com or fax (718) 834-9378.

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PIER ART SHOW: Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition hosts its 15th annual exhibit entitled "Connections." 1 pm to 6 pm. Event includes an outdoor curated crafts festival along the Brooklyn waterfront esplanade. 25 artists sell their crafts. 499 Van Brunt St. (718) 596-2506. Free.

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OTHER
SUNDAY PLATFORM: Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture hosts a talk. "Memorial Platform: Members of the Society remember those who have died with a candle-lighting ceremony." 11 am. 33 Prospect Park West. (718) 768-2775. Free.
PIER ART SHOW: Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition hosts its 15th annual exhibit entitled "Connections." 1 pm to 6 pm. Also, "Connections in Bed Hook with Paula Jeanine and American Ghazal." 3 pm. 499 Van Brunt St. (718) 596-2506. Free.
INDIE MARKET: 11 am to 7 pm. See Sat., May 26.

MON, MAY 28
Memorial Day
COMMEMORATIVE PARADE: The Green-Wood Historic Fund celebrates Memorial Day with a tribute to the Civil War veterans buried at the cemetery. Event features reenactors, an artillery battery, patriotic songs, the 116th NY Infantry in a parade and a wreath laying. 9 am. Green-Wood Cemetery, 25th Street at Fifth Avenue. (718) 767-3300. Free.

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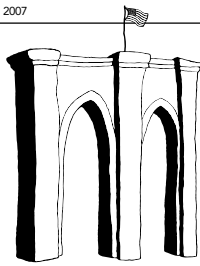
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THE STOOP

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DOWNTOWN DUMBO

Heights nannies are being watched anew

Great art elicits an emotional response from its viewer. If John Barnard's photo exhibit "Names of Brooklyn Heights," was meant to provoke feelings about a number of issues including race and class relations, it's a resounding success. (See photo in "Nine Days in Brooklyn" on page 2.)

One would expect a show entitled "Names of Brooklyn Heights" to pay homage to the hard-working women who partner in raising the offspring of their affluent employers. Instead, Barnard places focus on the children who are being cared for by using titles that make them the center of attention (i.e., "Six Toes and Looking for Candy").

HEIGHTS LOWDOWN



Homer Fink

Whether Barnard is using his titles as a sleight of hand is up to the individual. But what appears to be an accounting of neighborhood caregivers documents far more than that — a huge racial divide. Every nanny is black and all of the children are white. That, along with the way the pictures are composed, recalls the turn-of-the-century work of photographers Henry P. Moore and Rudolf Eickemeyer Jr.

Both men were known for their historic photos of freed slaves. Moore's photos are regarded today as staged events attempting to showcase a new racial harmony in America that did not exist.

It was Eickemeyer's mission to show that freed slaves had assimilated into mainstream America. He traveled the South and snapped his most-famous picture, Uncle Essick, in Alabama: a man posed to look like the quintessential American farmer — right down to his corn-cob pipe.

The St. Francis College exhibit transports some of that cognitive dissonance to 21st-century Brooklyn Heights. The combination of titles, staging and the disconnection seen in the nannies' eyes makes the viewer feel that the people in the pictures are slightly out of sync with each other.

While a study of nannies with and without their charges might have been another option for Barnard, the path he chose should foster productive social dialogue.

One place where productive dialogue is not happening is the hopelessly classist Web site, "I Saw Your Nanny.com." It's by far one of the worst examples of Bloggins Gene Wild.

"I Saw Your Nanny" flies in the face of everything a freshman learns in Ethics 101. It's basic premise is to publish user reports — mostly anonymous — of angry, indifferent, incompetent or just plain loony nannies.

While some of the upstater might think they're well intentioned, they are a little more than fear-mongers. After all, a truly helpful person, upon seeing a horrific encounter, would intervene — not worry about running home to fire up the laptop.

Since the alleged incidents are vague, it's impossible to track down the nanny (or Mommy for that matter) who committed the act, making the site nothing more than a forum for self-congratulation.

That's, of course, if you can get through the ham-fisted, judgemental prose that is a hallmark of the site, like this excerpt, which allegedly took place at the Court Street Barnes & Noble:

"I witnessed a nanny yesterday who lost her temper with a little boy. She was not watching him that closely and I don't think his behavior was good. But if she had been minding him more carefully, he would not have had the opportunity to pick up a book and hold it over the ledge and drop it from the second floor down to the first floor. He was only about 2 years old. A fury rose to the nanny's face and she smacked the c-p out of his hand. She slammed him in the stroller and looked at him with this evil face. Her harsh reaction to such a small child caused myself and the people in our party to be a bit speechless."

And so it goes. Even your friendly neighborhood Spiderman knows that "with great power comes great responsibility" — a point clearly missed by "I Saw Your Nanny." Homer Fink is producer of Brooklyn Heights Blog



Dolph, the black cat above, nuzzles with pal Kitaro Jr., during happier times.

CALL OFF THE HOUNDS

DUMBO kitty found!

By Josh Saul
for The Brooklyn Paper

Curiosity almost killed a cat named Dolph last week when the feisty feline went on the lam in DUMBO.

But Dolph is now back in her Jay Street home.

The five-day escapade began Sunday night, when Dolph jumped off the second-floor balcony of the apartment she shares with her human companion, Noriko Shinohara. She told neighbors that she wasn't too upset when she noticed Dolph, thinking merely that she was "on an adventure for the first time in her life."

But when the 8-month-old Dolph wasn't back on Monday night, Shinohara started to worry, so she put up flyers around the neighborhood advertising a \$100 reward.

Several days passed, punctuated only by the plaintive wailing of Dolph's pal, Kitaro Jr., who stayed at the balcony for five days, crying.

Finally, on Friday night, Dolph — a lifelong mute — did something she'd never done before: she let out a desperate "meow!" that brought rescuers running.

Even after Shinohara found Dolph hiding under a car, it still took three hours — and a can of Dolph's favorite food — to coax the feline back home.

And while Dolph wasn't injured during her days as an alley cat, she did lose some weight. "She was a fat cat, but now she is very skinny and fit," said Shinohara.

Piazza de Pearl OK'd

By Estlin Howard
The Brooklyn Paper

A parking lot formed by the intersection of Pearl Street, Water Street and Anchorage Place in DUMBO moved one step closer to being reborn as a Paris-style plaza, thanks to a Community Board 2 vote last week.

The board's transportation committee OK'd a Department of Transportation plan to replace all the parked cars with tables and planters starting in late June — a pilot project that many hope will lead to the creation of a grand public space.

"We believe it will revive the area," said Tucker Reed, executive director of the DUMBO Improvement District.

What's the downside? Apparently none: the CB2 committee vote was unanimous.

That doesn't mean there wasn't some minor concern. At least two members of the DUMBO Neighborhood Association told the committee they were concerned that a temporary plaza would delay long-sought, neighborhood-wide renovation projects.

But city officials said that the effort to remake DUMBO has to start somewhere — and that Pearl Street was a great opportunity.

"We see this as similar to what we did on Willoughby Street," where the DOT closed a Downtown street to car traffic and put out tables that have proven to be popular, said Christopher Hones, the agency's transportation coordinator for Downtown Brooklyn.

The difference in this case is that the buildings around the Pearl Street triangle are largely industrial, while the Willoughby Street plaza is flanked by a pizzeria, a sandwich shop and fast food eateries whose customers have been enjoying all fresco eating.

"That's why we're going to be more proactive at Pearl Street," Hones said, saying the DOT would work with the DUMBO Improvement District to "encourage more people to use the area."

The proposal now goes to a vote — and an expected approval — by the full community board on June 13.

THE KITCHEN SINK

Ran into our pal Karen Johnson, who's not only the owner of the outstanding DUMBO bar, 68 Joy Street, but also head of the DUMBO Neighborhood Association. She was wearing a T-shirt from the J Condo — "I got it for free!" said Johnson, rushing off to do her laundry. ... What was the deal with those would-be rap stars who parked their cars on the Remsen Street end of the Brooklyn Heights Promenade at 2:40 am last week and screaming at the top of their lungs? Our spy says the cops came and calmed everything down. ... Interested in renting out that ground-floor retail space in the Beacon Tower? Call

Elliot Bogod at (212) 577-2270 X221. What's he looking for? Can't tell because he didn't return The Stoop's call! ... Our pal Phil Ashby has a new bird painting up at the Dolphin Gallery on Montague Street (between Henry and Clinton streets). It's part of his series, "The Pierpont Street Birds." ... Last week, DA Charles Hynes took time out of his crime-fighting work to honor some Downtown heroes, including Todd Taylor and James Barbieri, two Criminal Court officers who nabbed a man posing as a lawyer; and assistant district attorney Charles Coleman, who acted when he noticed a man having a seizure at the Modell's on Fulton Street. Coleman's life-saving action on Feb. 6 prevented the man from swallowing his tongue. E-mail Stoop@BrooklynPaper.com

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THE stoop

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL BOERUM HILL RED HOOK

Lots of green to be made on green

The truck was parked in front of the Chelsea Garden Center on Van Brunt Street, and emblazoned "Sunset Liberty Garden Center." An arrow pointed potential flower-buyers down Van Dyke Street — and away from the Chelsea Garden Center, which was as open as a tulip.

Obviously, in Red Hook where the local bartender can't move a horseshoe pit without someone objecting, Sunset Liberty's strategically placed ad truck didn't go unnoticed.

People passing by snickered at the war of the roses. A third Red Hook flora peddler, Gowanus Nursery, hung signs elsewhere. The petunias bloomed, and sold briskly at both Chelsea Garden Center and around the corner at Sunset Liberty. Sunset Liberty owner Sandro Gubis — a forthright man with a self-described passion for "tropical plants and girls, but the plants don't fight back" — says he had no choice but to park the truck directly in front of his nearest competitor.

"Where else is there to park?" he said, smiling. Then he added something devious about his competition. "[They're] an invasive species."

The term refers to a non-native plant that is introduced by humans where they don't exist naturally, thereby disturbing the normal circle of life. Bamboo, Chinese Wisteria and Ribbon Grass — a wild grass that has achieved a certain ubiquity on well-tended lawns around the borough — are invasive. Gubis sells bamboo — but only with a metal-lined container to ensure that the fast-growing roots don't touch soil — but he doesn't sell others.

These are sold at Chelsea, where no such ideological bans exist. "We don't think of [species] as invasive, as much as beautiful," said Rose DiCostanzo, adding that her garden center is "into beauty and class" and not politics.

DiCostanzo wouldn't comment on Sunset's parking job, saying only that she wasn't "bothered" by it. Maybe she has a point. After all, there is plenty of green to be made on all this greenery. Especially in Red Hook, where fresh flowers could sweeten up the neighborhood's usual summer scent, can du sewage. Indeed, even when Gubis is parking his truck in front of his competitor, his workers are doing the opposite.

"We end up referring a lot of customers to Chelsea because we just won't sell certain plants," said Hope Kaufman, the landscape architect who runs Gubis's store.

THE KITCHEN SINK

Hang up on the call: Assemblywoman Joan Millman (D-Cobble Hill) has introduced a bill to restrict politicians from using prerecorded "robo-calls" to campaign. Now, if we could only get a bill that would stop real people from calling with their canned spiels. ... "What Happened to Smith?" goes live. **Life in a Blender**, the band that made **Smith Street** into pop legend (sort of) is playing the **Living Room** on the Lower East Side on June 2. How about a show at the **Fall Cafe**? ... Speaking of Smith: We hear an eight-story apartment building designed by the don of the glassy, mezzanine-condo, **Robert Scaramo**, is due on the corner of Second Place. The neighbors are already up in arms. **Email us at Stoop@BrooklynPaper.com**

BROOKLYN SOUTH



Ariella Cohen

End of the Smith light show



The American Apparel store on Smith Street keeps its lights on all night, quite a contrast to the rest of the street.

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Paper

They say the neon lights are bright on Smith Street — but looking at them just gives locals the blues.

But not for long. American Apparel, the hip and sexually charged retailer of monochrome cotton and Spandex goods, has agreed to install timers on the ultra-bright lights that burn all night at its location near Douglass Street in Cobble Hill.

Currently, the store keeps 30-odd fluorescent lights on all night, allowing midnight strollers a flashbulb-bright view of the store's trendy goods.

It may be good marketing, but it's bad community relations: neighbors say that the bright beams keep them up way past bedtime.

So as of next week, the lights will turn off one hour after the store's closing, which is 8 pm during the week and 9 pm on weekends.

The news has Smith Street shoppers excited for the return of darkness.

"The store is like an open refrigerator in the middle of a dark hall. You can see all its contents even when no other lights are on," said Kayla Soyer-Stein, who passes by the store on her way home.

"The difference is, a refrigerator's lights only come on when you open the door."

American Apparel is the only store on Smith Street that remains lit all night, offering a certain late-night ubiquity to the youthful mannequins. On purpose.

"You can't ignore us," said Max Sugriva, the local operations manager for the LA-based chain, which has carved out a niche with its sexy, barely legal-style ad campaigns. "The light is vibrant and it sends a message that we are vibrant."

Of course, some will miss the light show.

One photographer who lives nearby compared the effect on the increasingly stroller-friendly neighborhood to that of a porno mag left in a high school locker room.

"Pornography is about leaving nothing unexpressed," said Seth Mitter. "It was all there, under bright fluorescent lights. In a way, it was a good contrast for the neighborhood."

Locals: Test soil at skate park

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Paper

Local officials want the city to test the soil at a Boerum Hill playground that federal officials say rests atop toxic waste before moving forward with a proposed makeover.

As reported in The Brooklyn Paper, advocates want to turn the under-used Thomas Greene Park on Third Avenue into a skateboarder-friendly playground with new bathrooms and equipment.

But before any digging is done, the advocates want testing. "It would be foolhardy for the city to spend public money on a park only to have to come back some time later for a cleanup," said Craig Hammerman, district manager for the Community Board 6, which would eventually approve any redesign of the park.

Thomas Greene Park, which is between Douglass and Degraw streets, is one many tracts of land near the canal that was once a staging area for fuel refineries during the 19th- and early 20th centuries.

The Environmental Protection Agency says that a test done on the former Fulton Municipal Gas Company site shows that there is hazardous waste on the site.

But the city Parks Department says it has frequently tested the area. Others said any toxins would be too far underground to cause any threat.

Regardless, Parks spokesman Phil Abramson added that the agency would test the soil again before doing any reconstruction at the site.

"Certainly you would suspect the responsible party to do testing in advance of any building or excavation work," said Basil Seggos, an investigator for the non-profit Riverkeeper.



Parks advocates want to transform the run-down Thomas Greene playground on Douglass Street between Nevins Street and Third Avenue into a skateboard park.

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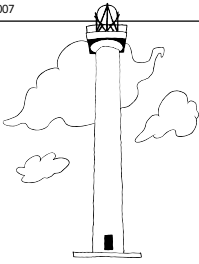
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FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Tales from the Ft. Greene crypt

Built into the grand granite staircase of Fort Greene Park is a dark metal door welded shut. On the other side lies a dank stone crypt holding the remains of an estimated 11,500 Americans who died on British ships during the American Revolution.

Didn't know that? Join the club. "We have short-term memories, and we are, alas, raising too many young Americans who are historically illiterate," said David McCullough, the revered historian, the author of "1776," and a one-time Brooklyn resident.

Be that as it may, McCullough now thinks Fort Greene Park should be right up there with the Tomb of the Unknowns, in Arlington, Virginia, as a "destination visit for every American."

"The monument was built so that those lives would never be forgotten. We ought to reinstate that frame of mind, that acknowledgment of the debt we owe to so many."

Not only was there supposed to be an eternal flame on top, but when the Prison Ship Martyrs Monument (that big white obelisk on top of the crypt) was unveiled in 1908, President-elect Taft came to the ceremony. That's how important it was.

But history moves quickly. World War I followed closely on the heels of the monument's completion, drawing attention to a whole new generation of veterans. And then there's that human tendency to dwell on battles won, like the Battle of Yorktown, rather than battles lost, like the Battle of Brooklyn. The Parks Department's Brooklyn Chief of Staff Marty Maher is doing his part, securing \$4 million for the memorial, complete with an "eternal flame," and he's built historical exhibits in the park's visitors' center because "it's important for people to know the story."

The story goes something like this: At the time of the Revolution, there was no real American navy. Rather, there was a motley crew of renegade merchants who raided British ships and brought back the bounty to the Americans. The British ended up capturing thousands of the privateers, and put them on prison ships in Wallabout Bay during the war.

"There were up to 1,000 men at a time on the Jersey ... kept below decks," said Maher. "They had very poor sanitary conditions. They had to cook in this thing called the 'great copper.' They were given sea-water to cook with, and salt and copper is a poisonous mixture. Between five and 15 men would die daily."

"They were freed if they signed up for the British cause," added Maher. "There are no recorded instances of anyone taking that up." So this Memorial Day, consider having your picnic at the monument and toasting the boys in that dark crypt.

THE KITCHEN SINK

The Greene Grope is hiring an office manager. So if you like to sip Malbec while filing, this may be the gig for you. ... Eat a tree-and-apple crepe and donate money to charity — at the same time! **LouLou**, on Delaunoy and Clermont avenues, is taking part in our pal Lenore Axon's "Dining Out for a Cure" fundraiser, which means it will donate part of its June 19 receipts to the breast cancer fight. **E-mail us at Stoop@BrooklynPaper.com**

GREENE ACRES

Dana Rubinstein

Wall St workers clean up

By Harry Cheadle
The Brooklyn Paper

Most days, Fort Greene resident Grant Bremer is a master of the universe, working in the technology division at Goldman Sachs, one of the world's largest investment firms.

Today, he's digging the dirt at his local park. Wearing jeans and a red, company-issued "Community Teamworks 2007" T-shirt, Bremer joined a dozen co-workers in Fort Greene Park on Tuesday, following their company's recommendation to work at least one day of community service every year.

"We do all sorts of things," Bremer said. "Stuff like gardening, painting, walking dogs."

The Goldman Sachs program has been in place for 11 years, and employees — 95 percent of them, according to a company spokesperson — jump at the opportunity to work outdoors rather than write code, trade



Grant Bremer, a Fort Greene resident who works for Goldman Sachs in Manhattan, helped clean Fort Greene Park on Tuesday.

bonds or advise the wealthy how to hold onto their money.

During the day at Fort Greene Park, the Goldman workers

(besides those T-shirts) were the Rolex on their wrists, the digital cameras in their back pockets, and the BlackBerry clipped to Bremer's belt.

"We're having fun," said Charlie Che, a strategist in the company's equities division who lives in Manhattan, unlike most of the others, who live nearer to the park.

"It's been a while since I did gardening. I love it."

Nearby, a few employees got into the spirit of things, digging up a small boulder and prying it from the ground. When they finally got it out, they posed with it like it was a prize fish.

On cue, Bremer whipped out his digital camera and snapped a picture, a souvenir of the one-day, community-oriented vacation.

"It's part of the corporate culture," says Natasha Dunbar, a financial analyst from Fort Greene. "Giving back."

At least this day.

Soccer dad: Gridiron coach stole field

By Dana Rubinstein
The Brooklyn Paper

The city is investigating whether to discipline a high-school football coach who allegedly kicked two youth soccer teams off a city-owned field two weekends in a row.

The disputed turf, Charles B. Wang Field, is Brooklyn Technical High School's state-of-the-art soccer and football field. It sits adjacent to PS 753, and has been used by local sports leagues for years without incident.

That changed on May 12, when Jim DeBenedetto, varsity football coach for Brooklyn Tech, allegedly told the two youth soccer coaches to vacate.

"He came out at about 9:15 am or so, and told me we would have to leave the field by 9:45," said Bob Byer, who runs Fort Greene Sports. Byer, who was coaching a group of 6- and 7-year-olds in soccer, said he had a permit for the field.

"I said, 'Coach, we're going to be finished by 10 am. Give us 15 minutes or so, and we'll be out of your hair.' And he said, 'No, I need to get started earlier than that.' Then he turned and walked away."

Byer said he followed the coach into the adjacent school and confronted him about his "piss-poor attitude," after which the coach launched into a tirade.

Then, according to Byer, the coach came out with his high-school football players and tried to intimidate the 6- and 7-year-old soccer players. When Byer wouldn't budge, the coach allegedly tried to force another youth soccer league, Young Rock Soccer Academy, off the field.

The following Saturday, when Byer showed up to play, his team was locked out. So was Musa Kadiri, who runs the Young Rock Soccer Academy.

"They're trying to deny the little kids access to the field," said Kadiri. "To me, that's sad."

Councilwoman Letitia James (D-Fort Greene) agreed to mediate the dispute and on May 16 issued a statement saying that a protocol for use of the field had been agreed upon.

Under the agreement, Brooklyn Tech has priority during scheduling conflicts, but local leagues do have the right to use the field.

It remains unclear whether the protocol will resolve the



Two youth soccer teams allege they were not permitted to play at Charles B. Wang Field despite holding a permit.

dispute.

"I do not agree that the agreement has been reached," said Byer. "I am considering legal action to prevent these bullies from ruining the only recreational outlet for the neighborhood."

The Department of Education

would not comment for this story. Neither would DeBenedetto. "The incident is under investigation, and we cannot elaborate without compromising the investigation," said Marge Feinberg, an Education spokeswoman.

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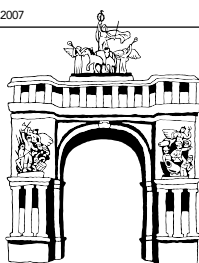
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THE stoop

PARK SLOPE PROSPECT HEIGHTS, SUNSET PARK
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An artist who makes a living

Jonathan Blum is living his dream. A 41-year-old artist from Washington, DC, he has lived in Brooklyn since 1999, and has been a "storefront" painter for those eight years.

His shop is on Fifth Avenue between First and Second Streets, where a sign in the window announces the hours are "by appointment or by luck" (if you want to catch him, your best bet is late at night).

He's had gallery shows, but prefers to sell his work directly to the public. And he does sell. That is all part of the dream.



Nico Lolli

"I know a ton of artists with galleries who do not make a living off their art," he said. "My dream is to be a working-class artist, to make art and sell it so that I can support my family. I don't need to be rich and famous. I prefer to be a neighborhood artist."

He says that painting in a storefront is part of who he is as an artist. He's not interested in a private, cloistered, spare studio, preferring something at street level and in an open door.

Before moving to Kensington, where he lives with his two kids, Blum lived in Boston, Berlin, Israel and New Orleans.

In Berlin, he did have gallery shows, and it was there that he started painting his trademark forehead portraits. He became well known for these cut-off faces, and even did a series of Sesame Street's Bert, with his long, yellow forehead. He still has some of those paintings, but he won't make any more.

"I just can't," he said. "Bert is from my past and I won't go back." (He won't, but collectors still wish he would; the Bert paintings fetch the highest prices in the crazy art market. Most of Blum's work is between \$75 and \$500, but the Bert paintings go for as much as \$5,000.)

Blum's other leitmotif is his ongoing series of rabbit paintings. He began painting the long-faced, bearded men when he lived in Israel. The paintings are a mix of whimsical and respectful — and are often more popular than the rabbits they depict.

The Lubavichers love these paintings," Blum said. "I also sell them to people who have never met a Jew before. They are like icons of New York."

Blum's e-mail address, rabbipainter@aol.com, attests to his connection to his heritage. He also does pet portraits, and for those he uses a realistic painting technique that captures the sitter's mood and personality (even if it is a dog).

Connecting is what it is really about for Blum, whether connecting to religion, a person in a portrait, or a neighborhood. But that connection could soon be lost. "I pay old-school rent, but I fear being kicked out at any time," Blum told me. His fear may be reality, but for now, he stays content by reminding himself that he's living his dream.

THE KITCHEN SINK

File this under "O" for "Oy vey!" Rabbi Shimon Hecht of Congregation B'nai Jacob on Ninth Street just announced a new addition to his family. He and his wife Sarah just had their 12th child. That is not a misprint. Their latest daughter, Yudit Bracha, was born on May 7. Now, how long will it take for some hot-shot Slope writer to crank out the Orthodox Jewish version of "Cheaper by the Dozen?" Email us at Stoop@BrooklynPaper.com



This rag-tag street bookstore on Eastern Parkway is run by Skibo (seated), who is celebrating his 10th anniversary at the spot.

Sidewalk vendor books it

By Josh Saul
for The Brooklyn Paper

Looking for some Vonnegut or Twain, or maybe an old National Geographic? You could go to the Brooklyn Public Library on Grand Army Plaza — or you could walk right past the door to a book-covered stretch of fence just up Eastern Parkway.

That's where a 55-year-old man named Skibo — that's the only name he gives, Skibo — has been selling books for 10 years, setting up shop between the Brooklyn Museum and the Brooklyn Public Library.

"I used to sleep in the park [before he started selling books], and then one morning

I realized I got an office right here!" said Skibo, who was born in Red Hook, but moved to Park Slope when he was 9.

Since having that "Eureka" moment a decade ago, Skibo has been mulling his fence every day, selling an eclectic mix of classics, textbooks, magazines and kids books — whatever thumbed-through tomes the neighbors drop off.

"Sometimes I don't even see them, I'll be doing some business and I turn around and there's a box of books somebody just dropped off!"

Before he sold books at his current location between the library and the Brooklyn Museum, Skibo helped to build the latter institution.

"I was an ironworker with Local 40," said Skibo. "We built the big ones all over New York City, and I even worked on the back wing of the Brooklyn Museum."

Getting his inventory for free gives him one advantage over the library, but even Skibo admits that the massive institution to the west of his "shop" holds a distinct advantage.

For one thing, books are free at the library. And the central branch even undercuts Skibo during their regular book sales.

"I've always said, 'Buy five books, get six,' but the library says, 'Buy 10 books, get 12.' It's their way of trying to one-up me, I guess."



Renovations are almost complete at the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza.

Behind the fence!

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Here's some news that will have Brooklyn readers cheering: The Brooklyn Public Library threw open its front doors this week for almost two years of work on its front plaza.

And soon, the new front entrance — which faces Grand Army Plaza — will boast public tables and chairs, as well as some fountains. But the biggest change will be underneath all that: a new auditorium where the library will be able to hold performances and concerts.

"It will be nice to have a place to sit out and meet friends," said library regular Ryan Holmberg. "There's nothing else like that in the area."

Visitors have been forced to use the staff entrances while the work was being done, but no longer (now the staff entrance will get its own renovation).

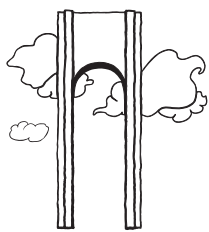
Library spokeswoman Stefanie Arck said the plaza will be completely finished sometime in August, and the auditorium will be done a month later.

The \$15.7-million project was originally supposed to be completed by last October.

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THE STOOP

BAY RIDGE-BENSONHURST DYKER HEIGHTS
BATH BEACH

These mailmen are armed for dog

This is National Dog Bite Prevention Week, the seven days of the year when the United States Postal Service tries to educate Americans on how to keep their dogs on a shorter leash.

But our local mailmen aren't waiting to see results. After years of looking like a letter-toting piece of meat to area canines, mail carriers have finally fought back.

They're now armed with pepper spray.

The arms race began last year, when a mail carrier in Bay Ridge became a living cliché after getting bit in the rear pouch by a German Shepherd.

"He went to drop-off the mail and the dog just took a bite out of him," said a postal source. "He had to go directly to the emergency room."

The mailman has chosen to remain anonymous (we'll call him Junk Mail), and like most things in the United States Postal Service, many details must remain shrouded in secrecy. But we do know the route: a dangerous stretch on 88th Street between Colonial and Ridge avenues.

Junk Mail's description of the beast conjured up images of Cujo. "It was a big dog — the kind of dog that is a dangerous weapon," said Junk Mail. "This kind of dog is on the attack when it sees people."

It certainly wasn't the first time a dog took a bite out of a local mail carrier. Nationwide, there have been more than 3,000 reported cases of dog-bites-mailmen, according to government stats.

In an effort to go into the belly of the beast, Yellow Hooker embedded himself with one Bay Ridge postal worker as he navigated the dangerous mail recaptacles (often within fenced-in yards where dogs roam). As in so many combat pursuits, the key to survival was an awareness of your environment, explained Postal worker Tyrone Johnson.

"A lot of times your vision is impaired by obstructions such as fences or even doors," said Johnson. "If you can't see the dog coming, you need to listen."

Johnson, who has been delivering mail for more than two years, says that people wouldn't believe the risks letter carriers face, especially when putting the mail through the door slots while anxious dogs lay in wait.

He asks for owners to throw him a bone. "The owners need to get these dogs under control before something serious happens," said Johnson. "At least three mailmen have been seriously bit within the last two years around here."

Johnson says he carries Mace, but luckily, has never had to use it. "I have been nipped a few times, but nothing real serious, yet."

Man's best friend is rarely to blame, according to Richard Gentles, the director of administrative services at the Brooklyn Animal Care Center.

"Just use common sense," said Gentles. "Most people don't know how to approach a dog, and then they get bit."

A spokeswoman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals agreed that owners need to act more responsibly, but says that the spray is downright humane.

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YELLOW HOOKER



Matthew Lysiak

Bad reviews for Alpine



Alpine slide: The Alpine Cinema was bought last year by a new owner who promised a four-star renovation, but customers give his efforts two thumbs down.

By **Matthew Lysiak**
The Brooklyn Paper

Last year's sale of the Alpine Cinema was heralded as a four-star rescue, but reviewers rank it somewhere between "Howard the Duck" and "Battlefield Earth."

That's because the promise made by owner Nicolas Nicolaou to modernize the run-down Bay Ridge landmark remains unfulfilled — more than 12 months after he bought the historic cinema, critics say.

"He pledged all of these renovations, but it looks the same as it did before," said moviegoer Tom Brice, who said the news stories of Nicolaou's purchase of the theater last year led him to believe that big changes were coming.

"Families used to go to the movie theater to get away from life, but who wants to go to that dingy looking Bingo hall?" he asked.

Nicolaou told The Brooklyn Paper that he understands the community's concerns, but blamed the usual suspects — the city bureaucracy — for the delays.

The city threw the blame back at Nicolaou, who only applied in March for a permit to replace his 50-year-old air conditioning and heating system. That permit has been granted, yet the work has not begun.

Nicolaou promised to make fast work of renovations, which will include a new lobby ceiling, a new lobby carpet, and an entirely new electrical infrastructure for the 86-year-old theater. He also vows to partition off some interior space to create two additional theaters — though the Department of Buildings has not yet given him a permit for that work.

Nicolaou said the repairs and renovations would cost \$1 million. At this point, his contractors will work only at night and in the morning, so as not to require him to close during the critical summer season. Movie theaters typically take in 40 percent of their year's box office in the three months between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

"This summer we have committed to having all the big films coming out," said Nicolaou. "We will have 'Pirates of the Caribbean,' 'Transformers,' 'Die Hard,' 'Harry Potter' and more."

But everyone's a critic: Residents believe they have waited long enough — especially given that the Alpine is the only show in town.

"It is a year and he has done nothing with the theater," said another moviegoer who gave only the first name Matthew (and who is not this reporter). "The place is not a theater. It's a s---t shack."

Community expectations were heightened at the announcement last May that Nicolaou had bought the beloved theater for \$6 million. The announcement was such big news that two local lawmakers — Councilman Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) and state Sen. Mary Golden (R-Bay Ridge) — held bizarre back-to-back press conferences to crow about their role in finding a buyer for the last moviehouse in a neighborhood that once had a half-dozen.

Now, despite the delays, Nicolaou reiterated his commitment to making his million-dollar baby a real contender.

"We are here for the long run and we will give the people the theater they deserve," Nicolaou said, promising "a grand reopening" this fall.

In other words, roll 'em!

Black sky blues in Bensonhurst

By **Michael Giardina**
For The Brooklyn Paper

Bensonhurst residents had a simple reaction to a new report that the air in their neighborhood was filthy: Tell me something I don't know.

"You can feel the thickness," said John Frante, 15-year resident of 25th Avenue. "Sometimes you choke or you really have a hard time breathing."

The release of the American Lung Association "State of the Air" report this month sent local civic groups into a frenzy. One group — Concerned Citizens of Bensonhurst — even set up a monitoring station for six hours at the notoriously grimy corner of 86th Street and 18th Avenue.

"When an 18-wheeler would pass, the needles went sky high," said Adeline Michaels, member of the group. "Diesel exhaust caused it."

She said that trucks that idled at the light also caused the indicator to jump. New York was 17th on a list of top polluted cities, with Brooklyn's air getting a failing grade, mostly due to particles of soot mingling with the stuff we breathe.

Small particles are a big problem for Brooklyn. Particulates can get lodged in your lungs, causing wheezing, coughing, chronic bronchitis and heart problems.

The business district of 86th Street is to blame for Bensonhurst's horrid air quality. Delivery trucks run rampant on the booming blocks at every hour making the area an infestation of smog and a hassle for residents.

"The trucks, and the highway, it all adds to the problem," said Lorraine Samuto, an 18-year resident of Bay 17th Street. "The air is a garbage dump. I'm smelling gas fumes in my bedroom."

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has five air monitoring sites set up across Brooklyn, none of which are in Bensonhurst. Junior High School 126 on Leonard Street in Greenpoint is the only site that monitors particulate matter in Kings County.

Yet despite the lack of sites, the DEC has made progress in pollution control. The JHS 126 site has recorded drops in particulate matter from 15.27 to 14.46 micrograms per cubic meter over a five-year span — so now we're just below the Environmental Protection Agency's standard of 15 micrograms.

"We've made significant strides," said Thomas Panzone, a Conservation department spokesman. "And we need to continue to develop new ways in which to build upon this progress."

Bensonhurst residents will cough to that.

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9th St bike lane rolls on

City intent on installing lanes

By Harry Cheadle
The Brooklyn Paper

A city proposal to put bike lanes on both sides of Ninth Street in Park Slope now appears to be unstoppable.

A Community Board 6 committee voted unanimously on May 17 to approve the plan for new lanes from Third Avenue to Prospect Park West, while adding a left-turn lane in the middle of the street.

The result would put Ninth Street on what the city calls a "road diet."

In addition to rubber-stamping the city plan, the CB6 committee also added its own wish list: a bike lane along Prospect Park West and a study on double-lane parking.

The bike lane's backers were crowing over the results.

"It's a good outcome," said committee member and transportation activist Aaron Napaniek. "I think rational voices prevailed. The community board has some good suggestions for how to make sure the proposal will really work."

The plan is also backed by Borough President Markowitz and Councilman Bill DeBlasio (D-Park Slope).

But some residents, led by Ninth Street Block Association head Robert Levine, oppose the bike lane, claiming it will not decrease accidents and might interfere with the common practice of double-parking to drop off groceries.

Levine is also a member of the community board.

Such opposition was strong enough last month that the full community board tabled the discussion at its last meeting, choosing instead to send the proposal back to the committee for a second discussion.

That move set up last week's re-approval, and a likely "yes" vote from the full board on June 13.

The board vote is irrelevant anyway, as the DOT says it will go ahead with the bike lane regardless of the vote — just as it did earlier this month when the agency started installing bike lanes in Fort Greene, despite that community board objection.



Eating for a cure

By Michael Giardina
for The Brooklyn Paper

Park Slope's crusader for breast cancer awareness, Lenore Arons, has now canceled 14 local restaurants into donating a portion of one night's take to the fight against the dread disease.

As The Sloop has been reporting, Arons has been putting the squeeze on local eateries to participate in her month-long event, "Dining Out for a Cure."

"I started out doing this not knowing if anyone would participate," said Arons, who lives on Lincoln Place. "But in a few weeks it blossomed to this huge event."

Seven other Park Slope restaurants have donated gift certificates that will also devote a portion towards finding a cure for breast cancer.

Participating restaurants in Park Slope will donate 10 to 15 percent of their total receipts during their night of the fundraiser (see chart).

200 Fifth, a well-known Slope eatery, will chip in on June 25.

"It is the right thing to do," said Mark Gerbush, owner of the restaurant. "Some people are unfortunate, and it's good to give back."

Aron's is optimistic that fundraiser will be a success. "My hope is that there are enough people that love good food and will go out to eat," said Arons.

To purchase a gift certificate, contact Lenore Arons at walkingwithlenore@att.net.

Fourteen local restaurants are donating part of their nightly take next month towards the fight against breast cancer. Here's a list of the eateries — by date, so you can plan your guilt-free dining.

DATE	RESTAURANT
June 4	Bogota Latin Bistro 141 Fifth Ave., at Douglass Street
June 5	No No Kitchen 293 Seventh Ave., at Seventh Street
June 7	Blue Ribbon 280 Fifth Ave., at First Street
June 11	Bonnie's Grill 278 Fifth Ave., at Garfield Place
June 12	Lobo 188 Fifth Ave., at Sackett Street
June 13	Miriam 79 Fifth Ave., at Warren Street
June 13	Miriam 229 Court St., at Baltic Street
June 14	Aunt Suzie's 247 Fifth Ave., at Carroll Street
June 18	Mek 440 Bergen St., at Fifth Avenue
June 19	Loulou 222 DeKalb Ave., at Clement Avenue
June 20	Cocotte 337 Fifth Ave., at Fourth Street
June 21	Beast 638 Bergen St., at Vanderbilt Avenue
June 25	200 Fifth 200 Fifth Ave., at Union Street
June 27	Biscuit BBQ 230 Fifth Ave., at President Street

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Al Di La, Brooklyn Fish Camp, Johnny Mack's, Long Tan, Stone Park Café, 12th Street Bar & Grill and Two Buds are also willing to participate but will raise additional money for the fight against breast cancer.

Boxing day in Slope for newspapers



By Michael McLaughlin
for The Brooklyn Paper

The Park Slope Civic Council wants to replace private newspaper boxes (left) with the one on the right.



By Michael McLaughlin
for The Brooklyn Paper

"We do a lot of overall quality-of-life work," Pienkny said.

The Brooklyn Paper withdrew all of its street boxes last year and before that did not have boxes at the corner of Seventh and Ninth because of the unusual clutter there, publisher Ed Weinrobb said.

The Paper nonetheless believes that "excessive restrictions on box placement, including allowing government or even a well-intentioned civic group to determine where newspapers may circulate would be a threat to freedom of speech in our community," Weinrobb said.

Freeman denied that the Council had censorship in mind.

"This is not a campaign against free newspapers," he said. "We're looking for those publishers to be our partners."

A working partnership sounds good to the Ocean.

"We never have a problem with people who want to consolidate. We just like to have the opportunity to be included in the process," said Sebastian Mei, the Ocean's city manager.

The Civic Council effort is certainly not the first fight for control of city sidewalks. In Manhattan, several business improvement districts forced newspaper owners to sell or distribute their products in all-in-one boxes similar to those that the Civic Council wants to now use in Park Slope.

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Identity thefts running rampant

By Estlin Howard
The Brooklyn Paper

Last week provided Park Slopers with an object lesson in why they need to guard their personal papers as three people reported identity thefts that resulted in losses of thousands of dollars, cops said.

One man, a 44-year-old resident of Eighth Street, told cops that Sprint reported that an account had been opened in his name. At most \$600 had been rung up before the theft was noticed, cops said.

Sprint said the man's Social Security number had been used to open the account.

Another man told 78th Precinct cops that he didn't notice what was going on in his name until he started applying for jobs. At that point, he discovered that two bank accounts had been opened in his name, two credit cards had been accepting charges and \$3,000 had been withdrawn from a bank.

The Union Street man said he's hired a lawyer and is trying to clear his name.

And another resident of Union Street told cops that someone withdrew close to \$5,000 from Commerce Bank with her business account check card, even though the card itself never left her possession.

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"Using Mace or pepper spray is extremely dangerous and cruel," said Beth Daphne. "They shouldn't ever use it when there are more humane ways to keep them safe."

Daphne says that she saw someone get pepper-sprayed once and it wasn't pretty, and believes that instead of weapons, mail carriers should be better trained to deal with their historic arch-enemies.

"I think postal employees should be trained to better understand a dog's body language," Daphne said. "Most dogs aren't looking to bite people; they are just defending their territory."

She also would like to sweeten the pot a little bit with a small bribe.

"Spraying dogs could just make them angrier," Daphne said. "I would advise the carriers drop the Mace, and instead arm themselves with dog treats."

Johnson rejected that Neville Chamberlain-style appeasement.

"Some carriers give snacks, but I don't think it's right," Johnson said. "If the dog is used to getting treats and God forbid you run out, you are in big trouble."

THE KITCHEN SINK

What a surprise! The **Brooklyn Young Republicans** have endorsed **Rudy Giuliani** for president. Next, they'll come out in favor of tax cuts! ... Two ambitious school kids,

Dylan Gottesman and Bash Naran, are making a series of Bay Ridge films soon to be available at www.beyonddreams.com.

Anything has to be better than **"Brooklyn Rules"**, the new movie featuring **Freddie Prinze Jr.** (check out the scene where he clumsily folds his slice while sitting at **L&B Spumoni Garden**) as a Bay Ridge boy with a definable accent. ... **The Taj Mahal**, at 7315 Third Ave., knows how to treat its guests. Our source tells us that one of the waiters dealt with a crying baby by picking her up and rocking her back and forth while the parents enjoyed their **Tandoori chicken**. I hope they gave at least 20 percent!

The **Committee to Save Bay Ridge United Methodist Church** is considering buying the century landmark at the corner of Fourth and Irvington avenues. Committee organizer **Kathleen Walker** said she wants preservation groups and other locals to band together. All it will take is just \$12 million! ... The Stoop understands the need to work through the night on resurfacing Third Avenue, but couldn't the jackhammering wait until morning? ... Congratulations to **Toro Geroncek**, who won The Stoop's "Hero of the Week" award for her tireless work placing abandoned animals with new owners. Her store, **Happy Pets**, which is at 9818 Fourth Ave., has placed more than 100 shelter animals into loving homes.

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By Lilo H. Stainton and Michael Giardina
The Brooklyn Paper

68th Precinct

A stranger in a car stole a teenager's purse when she went to talk to him early on May 19, police said.

The man in the unknown car pulled up to the corner of 82nd Street and Fifth Avenue around 1 a.m. and managed to get the young woman's attention. When the New Jersey native walked up to the car to talk to him, he grabbed her purse and drove off. The teen's Gucci purse, with a gold buckle, held a bottle of perfume, a cellphone and a blue terry-cloth designer wallet, with credit cards, a Garden State driver's license and her Social Security card.

Boutique robber

It was like a rain shower spoiling the Big Day. Or at least dampening the planning phase.

A black-hatted thief dashed into an 86th Street bridal shop and snatched the purse of a woman on May 17, police said.

The 37-year-old woman had put her purse down inside the shop, near 12th Avenue, just after 5 p.m. The 6-foot, 180-pound man, with a black hat, snatched the Coach leather bag, worth

62/68 BLOTTER

Friend turns foe

What started as a friendly visit on May 18 ended with the caller in the hospital and the host in jail.

The 34-year-old victim stopped by his friend's house, on 86th Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway, around 7:30 p.m., police said. It's not clear what sparked the disagreement, but for some reason the resident got angry, picked up a metal pipe and struck the visitor several times in his left arm.

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Cash missing

Here's another reason to not visit New Jersey.

A Bay Ridge man lost \$7,000 to a burglar who broke into his home while he was across the Hudson River for 24 hours, police said.

The 22-year-old left his home, at 71st Street and 11th Avenue, around 1 p.m. on May 17. When he returned the next

afternoon, he found the bars pried away from a basement window and a safe inside emptied. No one saw the thief, who left behind a screwdriver and sledgehammer.

Sneaky thief

Someone snatched nearly \$3,000 in valuables from a 65th Street home without leaving any obvious clues, police said.

The burglar sneaked into the building, which is between Third and Fourth avenues, between 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on May 17.

When the 22-year-old resident got home, she saw no sign of a break-in, but also saw that her desktop computer, personalized iPod, and digital camera were missing. The thief also took \$450 in diamond jewelry and a designer watch.

Car swiped

Thieves stole a 2005 Mercury from Third Avenue on May 18, police said.

The four-door Montego was parked near 93rd Street at 9 p.m. When the owner, a 45-year-old Staten Island man, returned just 20 minutes later, the gray sedan was gone without a trace.

62nd Precinct

Flat footed

A woman's purse was snatched and her foot run over on May 20.

It all went down when she was shopping in an 86th Street department store. At around 2 p.m., a female thief snatched her purse and fled the store, which is near New Utrecht Avenue.

The victim chased after the thief, who jumped into her red pickup. In the process of trying to stop the thief, the victim's left foot was run over by one of the pickup's tires, police said.

The 42-year-old victim was unable to get a good look at her attacker but did get her plate number, GMA-N01. Cops are asking anyone who saw the incident to call the 62nd Precinct.

From behind

A woman's purse was swiped on 65th Street near the intersection of Bay Parkway on May 19.

The 25-year-old victim was walking at around 9:30 p.m. when a perp rushed her from behind and snatched the pocketbook. The purse had \$120, including her passport, police said.

The thief fled down West Sixth Street before the woman could identify him.

Dirty thieves

An elderly woman lost her jewelry, checkbook, and even her vacuum cleaner in a break-in at her West 10th Street apartment on May 18, police said.

The 67-year-old woman came back to her apartment, which is near Avenue P, at around 8 a.m. The thieves had rummaged broken her front door.

There were no witnesses to the odd morning break-in.

One bad block

Two blocks of 71st Street saw at least three break-ins last week, cops said.

In the first case, on May 15, a woman came home to her 71st apartment to discover that thieves had taken her property.

The 50-year-old returned to her apartment, which is near 19th Avenue, at around 11 a.m. The thieves had broken the padlocks on her bedroom window and taken \$15,000 in cash, and more than \$2,400 in jewelry and electronics, police said.

One day later — and just one block over — another 71st apartment was ransacked, also in a break-in that netted thieves a nice bit of jewelry.

In that case, the tenant had returned to her apartment, which is near 18th Avenue, at around 9:30 a.m. to find that thieves had broken open a basement door to gain access to her first-floor apartment. They took \$3,500 in cash and jewelry, police said.

And one day after that, a man who didn't trust anyone else with his money, not even the banks, had his 71st Street apartment robbed of cash and shiny jewelry.

The thieves broke in through the front door of the apartment, which is near 16th Avenue, at around 10 a.m. They swiped \$20,000 in cash, including some of his prized family jewels, police said.

A neighbor saw the perps leave, but was unable to get a good look at their faces.

Jewelry thieves

A man walked into a 86th Street jewelry store and walked out with a tray of rings totaling \$10,000 on May 15, police said.

The thief came into the store, which is near 20th Avenue, at around 5 p.m., and asked to see a tray that held 12 rings. Before the owner could ask him which one he liked, the thug ran out with the rings in hand and jumped into a white BMW X5.

Ridge to get own Jack Bauers

By Matthew Lyslik
The Brooklyn Paper

An elite anti-terror response team focused on chemical, biological, and radiological attacks will soon be stationed at Fort Hamilton — as long as some final hurdles are cleared.

The so-called "Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team" would be a 22-member elite terror response unit comprised of Army and Air National Guard personnel that could be deployed at a moment's notice in the event of a suspected chemical, biological, or radiological attack.

The squad would rush to the scene of an attack and assist emergency personnel in determining the exact nature of the problem.

Pols say that while we haven't faced the ticking-clock scenario just yet, post 9-11 New York needs to be ready for everything.

"We must always be prepared," said Rep. Vito Fossella (R-Bay Ridge). "A civil support team would ensure that New York has the manpower, resources, and training it needs to respond to a terrorist attack involving weapons of mass destruction."

The only other such response team in the



Rep. Vito Fossella (left) and Major General Robert Knauff.

state is surrounded by grass-chewing cows not at Queda-targeted skyscrapers. It's located at Stratton Air National Guard Base in upstate Scotia, just outside of Albany.

That unit was up and running on 9-11, but its team didn't arrive in Manhattan until hours after the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

At Fort Hamilton, the unit would be equipped with a vehicle that Jack Bauer, the

fictional star of the television drama "24," could only dream of: a state-of-the-art mobile analytical laboratory that can identify toxic chemical, biological or radiological contaminants, all while navigating the busy drive-through at Nathan's on Seventh Avenue and 86th Street.

But having the search for WMD expanded to Brooklyn isn't a done deal yet.

"The team is in the forming stages and is actively hiring," Fossella said. Britta Vander Linden told Community Board 10 last Monday. "We are extremely optimistic that it is going to happen."

Fossella and Rep. Peter King (R-Long Island), both pushed for the local tactical team, but said there are a few remaining hurdles, including inserting language into federal legislation to increase the number of authorized toxic units nationwide from 55 to 57, and securing additional funding. The language passed the House last week.

King said the funding would be a piece of cake, too.

"New York is such a target by would-be terrorists," said King. "Everyone will see that it is vital for it to have an additional civil support team located downstate."

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Goodwill game: Scribes take on Cyclones' front office for charity

By Barry Cheadle
The Brooklyn Paper

Normally, the only exercise Brooklyn Cyclones beat reporters get is from tapping on keyboards and stuffing their craws with free food in the press box — but on Saturday night, June 2, they'll find out what life between the foul lines is really like.

The reporters will be facing off against the Cyclones' front office in a charity baseball game starting at midnight — just one of 12 games the Cyclones' staffers will play in a 24-hour charity marathon.

The reporters vs. staff game comes in the middle of that all-day death march, so the writers might have a chance to win — if they can overcome their team's poisonous chemistry.

When asked about his strategy for the big game, manager Ed Shakespeare — the Cyclones' columnist for The Brooklyn Paper — spent most of his time upgrading two of his most high-profile players.

"My general gameplan is to see where I can put [Brooklyn Paper Editor] Gersh Kuntzman and [Senior Editor] Vince DM-



ickel to cause the least amount of damage," Shakespeare said. "They have enough problems communicating at the office. I want to play them in left and right with a normal human being in center."

When approached about his manager's comments, Dimech exploded. "I gotta hear that from a reporter?" the renowned loose cannon snapped. "Shakespeare never comes to you face to face, like a man!"

Meanwhile, Kuntzman's entire career has been dogged by rumors, though he denied any rule-breaking on his part.

"The only performance-enhancing drugs I'm on is my mother's brisket," the reclusive slugger claimed in a statement

issued through his publicist, George Shea. As usual, Kuntzman refused to speak to the press directly. He also refused to address whether his six-year hitting streak was showing any signs of ending.

Worse, Shakespeare admitted he did not know who was pitching yet.

The Cyclones' front office team is clearly not worried —

about the game, at least.

"The only thing I'm nervous about is that they may hurt themselves somehow," said Dave Campanaro, media relations manager for the Cyclones, and the team's shortstop. "I think the fact that a couple of them have called me and asked to borrow a glove gives you an idea of how prepared they are."

If the writers can manage to

get on base, Shakespeare plans to use the old hit-and-run play. "We'll play small ball," the manager said. "Most writers aren't power hitters."

Yeah, and they're real fast, too.

Ups and Downs

The Cyclones held open auditions last week for musicians who want to be part of the

team's first marching band. More than 20 aspiring members of the so-called "Band in the Sand" showed up at Keyspan Park, but the team hasn't decided how big this band will be. Let's hope the Cyclones don't get a knuckleball pitcher (who wants to hear some tuba player risking serious injury to play "Flight of the Bumblebee" every fifth day?).

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"Construction always wins," he said. "Developers will spend more to force you out... than to buy you out."

Davis said the only power to stop the land grab is in the hand of the governor.

On Wednesday, Councilwoman Letitia James (D-Fort Greene) said AKRF never checked with the New York State Historic Preservation Office about the properties' possible abolitionist ties.

AKRF apparently asked only if the office had files about the houses — it does not — but never asked for an opinion.

"This is a major omission on the part of the city and their consultants," said Simeon Bankoff, executive director of the Historic Districts Council. "The government agency [that] is tasked to make this exact determination was not even consulted. That seems negligent."

Seizing the houses under eminent domain isn't just an argument about our nation's history. At the hearing, Aviva Jakovowitz said it would cost her high-tech company, Track Data Corp., more than \$100,000 to relocate the 20-year-old business and its 100 employees.

"We came to this neighborhood when there were crack vials on the floor," Jakovowitz said. "Finally the neighborhood has changed, and now the city wants to take our building."

Public comment is still being taken through May 30, and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development must take action within 90 days.



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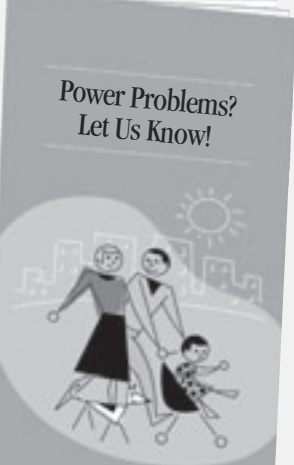
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Technology saves lives at Maimonides

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During National Stroke Awareness Month, Brooklyn residents are urged to learn more about this potentially devastating condition.

The Maimonides Stroke Center is led by several of the nation's leading stroke experts, who continually share their expertise in the ongoing battle against stroke. When every second counts, the Stroke Team at Maimonides provides the most advanced treatments to save lives and minimize disability.

There are several accredited primary stroke centers in Brooklyn, but the comprehensive services offered at Maimonides set it apart from other institutions. Among the many technological innovations is the Interventional Neurology Suite.

These highly trained specialists perform minimally invasive procedures that can help reduce and even reverse stroke symptoms. Under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Farkas, the service uses interventional techniques alone or in combination with surgical or medical therapy to ensure the best possible outcomes for stroke patients.

One such technique involves the use of an advanced tool called the "Merci Retriever." This miraculous device enables interventional neurologists to remove blood clots from the brain during a stroke.

Dr. Farkas navigates the Merci Retriever from a small incision in the groin up to the brain, snares the blood clot and then removes it. Many patients undergoing this procedure have minimized damage, and some have complete recoveries. The Merci Retriever can be used on patients up to eight hours after onset of stroke symptoms.

Dr. Farkas is among the most experienced in the country in the use of this revolutionary device. "We've had patients unable

MAIMONIDES MEDICAL CENTER



Dr. Jeffrey Farkas, Director of Interventional Neurology at Maimonides, prepares to utilize the Merci Retriever, a device that enables him to remove life-threatening blood clots.

to speak and experiencing paralysis who had their symptoms reversed on the spot," said Dr. Farkas. "Full recoveries are not uncommon."

Strokes caused by blood clots are known as ischemic strokes. Many strokes, however, are hemorrhagic — caused by bleeding in the brain. The Interventional Neurology Suite plays an important role in treating those strokes, as well. Using the same minimally invasive approach, physicians enter the vascular system of the brain and seal-off bleeding vessels. This helps many patients avoid the additional risks of open brain surgery.

The \$2.5-million Interventional Neurology Suite offers high-tech diagnosis and a full array of interventions, including procedures such as intracranial stenting that aid in stroke prevention. The suite is equipped with a

biplane angiographic system and advanced imaging capabilities designed specifically for navigating the brain. This futuristic technology enables the Maimonides Stroke Center to manage the treatment of patients with the most difficult and complex lesions in the brain.

The Stroke Center has a multidisciplinary team of stroke experts that includes physicians and nurses from Neurology, Neurosurgery, Emergency Medicine and Vascular Surgery, in addition to Interventional Neurology. Specially trained therapists round out the team of experts, ensuring that each stroke patient has the optimal outcome. Because of these outstanding patient outcomes, Maimonides is consistently rated among the top five percent in the nation for stroke services.

One of the best defenses against stroke is learning your

risk factors, including the numbers that measure your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood glucose (sugar). The experts at Maimonides urge everyone to be aware of stroke symptoms, including: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble walking; dizziness or loss of balance or coordination; sudden trouble seeing with one or both eyes.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of disability in the United States. If you suspect someone is experiencing any of the above symptoms for even a brief period, call 911 and go to the nearest stroke center immediately.

For more information on risk factors and treatment of stroke, go to the Maimonides Web site at <http://www.maimonidesmed.org>

Methodist's new ED opens

New York Methodist Hospital

New York Methodist Hospital recently unveiled its newly expanded and renovated Emergency Department (ED) at a ribbon cutting ceremony held in the hospital's new ED entrance.

At the event enjoyed tours of the new facility and learned about the hospital's new ED system known as the Simple Medical screening And Rapid Treatment (SMART) program.

SMART was created to quickly assess the severity of a patient's illness or injury and promptly treat and discharge patients who do not need admission to the hospital.

NYM is one of only a few institutions in the metropolitan area to use the program.

"SMART is a new and innovative program that allows our nurses and physicians to treat patients in the most efficient way possible," said Joseph Bove, MD, chairman of emergency medicine at NYM.

"Thanks to our new space and new program, New York Methodist hospital will be able to produce the best results in timing, treatment and care for every patient who walks through our

NEW YORK METHODIST HOSPITAL



At the Emergency Department ribbon cutting are (from left): Richard Lagnese, Joseph Bove, MD; V. Peter Mastorocro; Steven Silber; Rev. John E. Carrington, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Colleen McManus.

door," said Mark J. Mundy, president and CEO of NYM.

The newly renovated and expanded ED features a state-of-the-art, 45-bed adult unit and a 10-bed pediatric unit. The increased space allows for one patient per room and up to two visitors per bedside.

"The larger space not only allows us to accommodate a larger number of walk-in pa-

tients and patients brought via ambulance, but also creates family members or friends to visit their loved ones while they are in the ED," said Dr. Bove.

In addition to larger adult and pediatric ED units, the hospital now has a new ED registration area equipped with three walk-in registration desks and a patient reception desk, staffed 24 hours a day by a patient liai-

son who greets everyone who walks in.

After visiting the receptionist, patients will enter the new 4,200-square-foot ED waiting room, which is complete with three flat-screen televisions, a water fountain and two handicapped-accessible bathrooms with baby-changing tables. A separate waiting room is available for pediatric patients and their families to ensure comfort and convenience.

Along with separate adult and pediatric waiting rooms, the hospital's ED is equipped with a pediatric triage room and two adult triage rooms. As part of the SMART program, the triage areas are staffed with a triage nurse and two physician assistants who also triage, evaluate, treat and release patients. The physician assistants are also able to begin immediate diagnostic assessments (laboratory, electrocardiogram or X-ray testing) of patients.

"All of our additions and renovations were created with the community's needs in mind and I am very thankful for their patience throughout this construction process," said Dr. Bove. "Our ED is now more dignified, sophisticated and community oriented."

Lutheran again ranked one of New York's top hospitals

Lutheran Medical Center

The May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Diagnostic Cardiology Center (cath lab) is expected to perform more than 700 procedures in 2007.

Through the aid of the Cardiology Center, Lutheran was able to perform its first Automatic Defibrillation Device implantation this week. The implantable device goes into a patient suffering from Sudden Cardiac Death Syndrome, a disease that causes the heart to stop beating without warning. It then automatically detects the abnormal heart rhythm and shocks the heart so that it begins to beat again.

Lutheran's most passionate supporter of the initiative is bringing a new cath lab to Brooklyn was Vincent Rohan, the president of the May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Foundation. The foundation donated \$1 million for the lab. Rohan, also a member of Lutheran HealthCare's Board of Trustees, has spearheaded the advances in cardiology at Lutheran Medical Center through personal

LUTHERAN MEDICAL CENTER

involvement and ongoing support.

"We're thrilled with the growing volume of patients coming to our lab, we've been able to meet the demands and treat more community members than we ever anticipated," said Robert Zakson, MD, Lutheran Medical Center cardiologist and director of the May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Diagnostic Cardiology Center.

"Heart disease kills 30 percent more residents of Southwest Brooklyn than in the rest of New York City. Thanks to the support of Vincent Rohan and the May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Foundation, we are able to provide the newest technologies to help change this statistic."

Due to the hospital's successful results, combined with an increase in patient volume, Lutheran Medical Center expects to be awarded approval from the New York State Department of Health to perform more ad-

vanced heart procedures. Lutheran also hopes to be authorized to perform angioplasty procedures within the lab in the coming year.

Up until now, the lab has been performing procedures that diagnose heart problems; this approval would allow the lab to begin to treat the heart problems it finds.

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Boot camp to the rescue

Paper rep hopes to lose weight, save his own life

By Adam El-Sheemy
The Brooklyn Paper

Hi. My name is Shimmi, and I have a problem. I'm 26-years-old, divorced, I smoke like a co-gen plant on the Jersey Turnpike, and I'm overweight.

How overweight? Just look at the picture. "Nuff said. Sure, I've put my health on the back-burner over the years, but I'm committed to change. Over the next six weeks,

starting on Monday, June 4, I'll join a handful of other gone-to-seed, formerly healthy people and sweat my way through a program called "Boot Camp Challenge."

Challenge 1: Getting up at 5 am to actually get to the challenge, which has sessions at either 6 am or 7 am in the park at the end of Washington Street in DUMBO.

Challenge 2: Actually living up to the first challenge.

Challenge 3: Giving up cigarettes.

Yes, I want to lose weight (doesn't everyone?) and get off the cancer sticks, but the real goal here is to keep a promise I made to my family.

The other day, I found myself out of breath just chasing after my 5-year-old boy for five minutes in the park. I'm 26 years old, for crying out loud!

Of course, I only have myself to blame. I was once a football player at Brooklyn Technical HS. But since graduating in 1997, I've been to the gym all of three times (and my body shows it!).

At this rate, I won't make it past 60.

So that's why I'm in the



Adam El-Sheemy and his Boot Camp trainer, Tanya Nazarov.

"Boot Camp Challenge." How will I do? Just keep watching the pages of The Brooklyn Paper for weekly updates — and root me on by writing Adam@BrooklynPaper.com.

And maybe next time you see me, you'll see a lot less of me.

"Boot Camp Challenge" is a six-week course with three one-hour sessions per week at the park at the foot of Washington Street in DUMBO. The fee is \$300. Call Tanya Nazarov at (917) 373-3721 or Ray Turull at (646) 467-1145 for information.



A dirty job

Sure, a dirt-filled truck overturned on Cadman Plaza West on Tuesday morning, stopping traffic, but it didn't halt landscaping work at the apartment tower at 75 Henry St. The big rig had been dumping tons of dirt on the sidewalk for workers, but the truck flipped when the load shifted. No matter, the workers just picked up the dirt in the street. No one was injured, but traffic was blocked for several hours.

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Vito is scam target



But congressman doesn't fall for the trick

By Beethoven Bong
for The Brooklyn Paper

Mail scammers who tricked a Bay Ridge woman out of nearly \$10,000 went after a bigger fish this week — the woman's congressman, Rep. Vito Fossella.

The five-term lawmaker said he received the same letter as his constituent, telling him that he had "won" \$250,000 in a "Super Seven Contest" (see photo above) — the same scam reported in The Brooklyn Paper last week.

"The offer seemed too good to be true, which tipped me off right away," Fossella said. "I can understand how some people get convinced that this is a legitimate offer."

Here's how the scam works: "Winners" like Fossella receive what appears to be a substantial check for \$3,985 and a letter saying the winner can claim his prize if he pays "the taxes" on the award.

Skeptical, Fossella called the phone number on the letter, which appeared to be from an area code assigned to Eastern Canada.

The operator told the congressman to deposit the check and then call back so that the company could obtain his "tax information"

and give him directions on how to wire the portion that he owed.

But this Bay Ridge Republican wasn't fooled. One clue? The word "VOID" appeared nine times on a copy of the check that he made, even though it was invisible on the original check. The company told him it was a fraud prevention tactic.

Fossella didn't follow through with the scam — but took action against the scammers by alerting his constituents to be more aware.

"The mail scam sent to me is common among con artists and victimizes countless people every year," Fossella said in a statement. "We need to be vigilant in watching out for them and careful not to fall for their tricks."

Fossella urged residents to contact the appropriate agencies — such as the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Postal Service Police or his office — if they are targeted by this scam or a similar one.

"Con artists are always searching for new ways to scam innocent people and steal their hard-earned money," he said. "The best way to protect yourself from being conned is to educate yourself about the latest scams and to know what to look for."

Not-so-great wall divides

Feuding neighbors take their fight to CB10

By Matthew Lysiak
The Brooklyn Paper

Tear down that wall, Mr. Cunningham — or is it Mr. Moore?

That was the refrain from a chorus of residents who came to last Monday's Community Board 10 meeting to support a man who claims he is being terrorized by his mysterious next-door neighbor.

The unneighborly spat goes back more than five years, but this cold war recently went nuclear after Robert and Cheryl Cunningham began building a 60-foot-high cinderblock wall at their home at 123 87th St. The wall is only inches from their neighbors at 127 87th St., Matthew and Jean Gershon.

Needless to say, the wall didn't go over well with the Gershons.

"It is blocking our windows and we can't get light or air," said Matthew Gershon. "We are asking for someone to help us stop him."

More than 40 people showed their support at the meeting, at which Gershon spoke at length about the situation on his block.

In May 2006, workers removed wooden plants from our yard and broke our kitchen window," he said. "The Cunninghams have aggressive dogs, which defecate on our property, and are rude at every chance they get."

The Department of Buildings' Web site lists 44 complaints against the Cunninghams' property. One 2002 violation for working without a permit remains open.

A spokeswoman for the department said that the wall appears to be legal, given the existing zoning. But the spokeswoman, Kate Lindquist, added that "in light of the community's concerns, we will audit the permit application again."

That wasn't enough for Gershon. "This guy has all of these violations, and we are being brushed off," he said. "When is enough, enough?"

Enough may already be enough, according to the man who lives at 123 87th St., who told The Stoop that his name was not Cunningham, but "John Moore." He invited this reporter into the house and



Cinderblocks for a 60-foot-high wall sit on the property of Robert and Cheryl Cunningham (left), who have allegedly had a spat with their neighbors, Matthew and Jean Gershon, for five years.

talked about the situation, saying that he was the one being terrorized by an "insane" neighbor.

Department of Finance records show that "Moore's" property is indeed owned by the Cunninghams. There is no mention of a John Moore in city records.

Still, "Moore" said he doesn't understand why everyone is upset with him, and that the

wall is simply the beginning of a house being built on a lot he claims not to own. City records, though, show that there is no lot between his and the Gershons'.

"I don't know why people think I am the owner of this property," the man said, while giving orders to the men building the structure on the property. "I am just the victim of one man's craziness."

Moore pointed to video cam-

eras and high-powered spotlights that he says Gershon had directed at his property.

"That crazy man shines those lights at my bedroom window so we can't sleep," Moore said. "He also likes to videotape what is going on inside of my house."

But if the CB10 meeting was any indication, residents along the quiet tree-lined block between Ridge and Colonial av-

enues shared one unanimous opinion: that the man living at 123 87th St. was bad news — regardless of what he called himself.

"He has been known to use aliases," said neighbor Angelo Biondo who lives three houses down. "Everybody knows this man compromises the integrity of our neighborhood."

Another neighbor, Charles Miller, said he expected the large turnout at the board meeting, "because our neighborhood has seen enough."

Still, there must be a chance for a diplomatic resolution to this stand-off? No, not really.

"I have had enough of this crap," Moore said. "I am looking to move away soon."

Moore didn't say where he would go, but it would certainly come as a relief to Gershon, so long as Moore makes sure to take his wall with him.

"I'll believe it when I see it," Gershon said.

Library finally (re)-opens its doors

By Josh Saul
for The Brooklyn Paper

Here's some news that will have Brooklyn readers cheering: The Brooklyn Public Library opened its front doors this week after almost two years of work on its front plaza.

And soon, the new front entrance — which faces Grand Army Plaza — will boast public tables and chairs, as well as some fountains. But the biggest change will be underneath all that: a new auditorium where the library will be able to hold

performances and concerts.

"It will be nice to have a place to sit out and meet friends," said library regular Ryan Holmberg. "There's nothing else like that in the area."

Visitors have been forced to use the staff entrances while the work was being done, but no longer (now the staff entrance will get its own renovation).

Library spokeswoman Stefanie Arck said the plaza will be completely finished sometime in August, and the auditorium will be done a month later.

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Island wear: Coney Island's Dick Zigun, in trunks by American Apparel, and Insectavora, wearing a suit from Malia Mills, bring high fashion to the shore. "Now that I have this suit," Insectavora told GO Brooklyn, "I'm going to the beach every day."



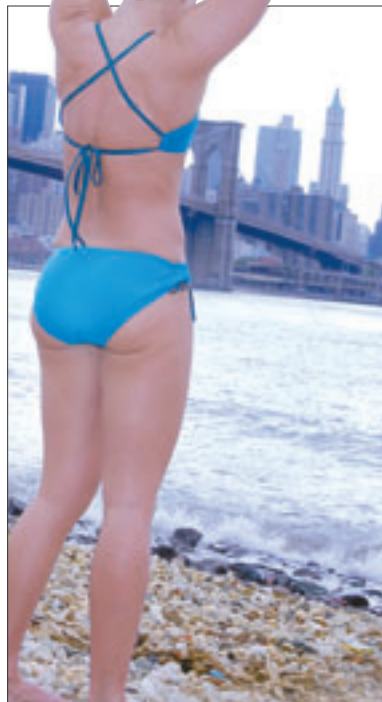
Marcel Polo! Jelena Vukovic, captain of the women's water polo team at St. Francis College, wears a suit by Williamsburg designer H. Fredriksson. She might be heading to Serbia for the summer, but she said she's still excited to hit the beach!



DUMBO dolls: Alexis Asher is wearing a Malia Mills suit and Vincent Diorio, bar manager at ReBar, wears one by American Apparel as they soak in the sun in DUMBO.



Pool boy: Dusko Radovanac, in American Apparel, was the goalie for the men's water polo team at St. Francis this year and plans to spend the summer traveling.



Fun in the sun: Alexis Asher, a boxer at Gleason's Gym and a personal trainer, was a 2007 Golden Gloves champion. But here, in another suit by Malia Mills, she's catching some golden rays near the Brooklyn Bridge.



Pool queue

With city swimming holes closed 'til nearly July, how can Brooklyn keep its cool?

By John O'Connor
for The Brooklyn Paper

Behold, the local miracle: the Red Hook Pool, a magnificent, sprawling body of water on Bay Street that is an oasis for Brooklynites during the Saharan summer days.

Absurdly and sadistically, though, the Parks Department allows this treasure — and every other city pool

— to remain idle throughout the molten days of early summer, finally opening on June 28.

So with another pool-less four weeks ahead of us, GO Brooklyn offers a list of places where you can find respite from the sweltering temperatures and postulant aromas of spring.

The Gowanus Yacht Club

This well-shaded outdoor establishment, open sea-

sonally from April to September, features modestly priced beer and hot dogs, unrivaled eye-candy and, quite unlike the Red Hook Pool, a toilet from which hobos have been known to flee.

The patio is a tight squeeze, and on some nights, the Yacht Club can feel like 200 drunks having a bare-knuckle brawl in a cattle pen, but that's part of its charm. Sadly, meddlesome neighbors recently forced the bar to ditch its gas grill — according to manager Tim Morrow, it was a health code violation — which means the hot dogs are now boiled.

But let's be honest, after a half-dozen Old Milwaukee you won't be able to tell the difference.

Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory

Sometimes tourist attractions are attractions for a reason: The Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory's stellar reputation is, indeed, well deserved. Their chocolate-chocolate-chunk ice cream is faultless, the butter pecan incomparable and even the peaches and cream (a flavor to which I'm not normally inclined) had me nodding my head in admiration.

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Babes in soy land

Cobble Hill's Hibino is on a roll

By Tina Barry
for The Brooklyn Paper

Lucky for me, I dine out often. I've come to expect a high level of cuisine and most of the time, that's what I'm served. The downside of all that excellent eating is fewer "starks" experiences during meals — those moments after I take a bite of something that catches me off guard and, for a few seconds, I stop hearing the clanking of dishes and hum of conversation. It's just me communing with the food.

Such a moment happened last weekend at Hibino, a Japanese restaurant that opened in April in Cobble Hill. The meal began with a pot of soothing "genmaicha" tea (green tea steeped with roasted brown rice) followed by "Obanzai," Kyoto-style small appetizers, then the eatery's signature house-made tofu. We tried a few sushi rolls and chased them with a stack of fabulous braised short ribs. Then, there it was: the salmon.

Now, I've had salmon pan-seared, broiled, baked, steamed and in bro-

chette in all sorts of eateries. But chefs Masaru Fukuda's and Hirohisa Hayashi's (alumni of Sushi Samba in Manhattan) preparation elevates the fish's lush fattiness and intense flavor with miso (fermented soybean) marinade. The soak drew out the meatiness of the fish. The flesh was luxuriously fatty — more foie gras than fish — with a delicately nutty, barely-sweetened,

golden pool of miso sauce to swipe each forkful through. Broiling the steak crisped the edges and seared the rim of fat just below it.

The rest of the meal was enjoyable, if not as transcendent as the salmon. The fried "Shrimp Toji Maki Spring Roll" didn't wow me, and crusty brown triangles of "yuba" (shredded tofu skin) that came filled with the curd, shrimp and egg were light, but rather greasy and bland.

House-made tofu, prepared twice daily, is a treat as an appetizer as well as dessert. Both versions are served in charming, tiny milk bottles printed with the restaurant's logo. Hinata, the restaurant's cheerful manager, instructed us to taste the savory opener without soy



Something's fishy: House-made tofu, at left in a customized milk jug, is just one of the tasty innovations that chefs like Hirohisa Hayashi, above, at Hibino are turning out.

sauce enhanced with bonito flakes (dried, smoked "bonito," a type of tuna) and then with its pungent partner. In its pure form, the custard was silky and delicately milky with a pleasant nutty taste. With a drizzle of the salty, fishy liquid, the cream became assertive, like a strong fish pudding.

The dessert tofu fills the same small jar. The packing is the pale yellow hue of whipped butter and has the freshness of heavy cream, a fluff of which crowns the bottle. Dull cookies accompany the dessert; they're cute, but a three-day-old bagel has a moister crumb.

The Obanzai and tofu dishes may differentiate the eatery from the innumerable Japanese places nearby but that doesn't stop diners from ordering sushi. Large platters of traditional Japanese rolls and "oshi" sushi (rice pressed into rectangular molds) appeared on many tables. I preferred the velvety texture of the fresh, raw tuna topped oshi to another with subtle

grilled yellowtail, although their rice buses studded with woody pieces of shitake mushrooms came as an agreeable surprise.

I cast a forlorn look at the bottom of my empty bowl after making quick work of the "Beef Kakuni." The mahogany colored meat, braised in a deep, nut-rich sauce and sweetened with caramelized vegetables, was sandwiched between a buttery disc of daikon radish, the root's sharp edges softened by its brine in the sauce. Shavings of sharp white scallion and a few stalks of jade green broccoli rabe brightened the arrangement. The only thing missing: a glass of steely sake. Sake, cocktails and wine will be offered next week when the owners expect their liquor license is granted.

In its short tenure, Hibino has become a destination for sushi enthusiasts and local families alike. It's that mix of East and West, new and older that makes Hibino so distinctly Brooklyn.

All beefed up



bles in Garcia's first restaurant, but the Argentinean steak is their first project together since.

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Rivero called "really big plates" of grilled meat. Paired with it, Rivero is offering bold "New World" wines that top out at \$46 per bottle.

"We want people to go nuts here; eat tons of meat, take wine home, just have a great time," said Rivero mentioning the special take-home bags he'll give diners who don't finish their bottle. Besides steak, there are Nuevo Latino-style appetizers like blue cheese, crab and roasted corn arepas and wild mushroom paella, as well as lush desserts like crepes with Nutella-like chocolate hazelnut filling and dulce de leche sauce.

So, for Carroll Gardens' diners, it's in with the beef and out with the pig. Pork is so last year anyway.

Camerica (241 Smith St., at Douglass Street in Carroll Gardens) accepts MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: \$17-\$23. Dinner is available daily. Lunch will be served from 11 am - 4 pm beginning May 28. Brunch will be available starting mid-June. Subway, F or G to Bergen or Carroll. For information, call (718) 237-9100. —GO Brooklyn

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Popcorn culture

Movie bigwigs are all in Cannes for the infamous French film festival, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music is showing a slew of films that already ran in Utah, so where is the film-conscious Brooklynite to turn for a celluloid fix?

From June 1 to 10, he'll have the Brooklyn International Film Festival, a borough-based movie series that puts the emphasis on fascinating films, not swag-seeking celebs.

"When we decided to call ourselves 'the Brooklyn International Film Festival,' we basically decided on a territory to be proud of and to serve," executive director Marco Ursino told *GO Brooklyn* this week. "The bottom line is, I believe, we are an urban cinema. Literally."

This year, the festival's theme is "Identity," an idea explored in films like "Arranged" (pictured), the story of

two young, female Brooklyn school teachers who find shared ground in their arranged marriages, even though one is an Orthodox Jew and the other is Muslim; and "Sunny," the tale of a Hollywood lawyer who returns — model girlfriend in tow — to his small, boyhood town in Germany.

Asked how his series differs from the popular, glitzy, yet somewhat amorphous Tribeca Film Festival, Ursino replied: "They truly are different planets. Our service is to a first or second-time filmmaker; those are the people we can help. I honestly don't know how to take [Martin] Scorsese to the next stage."

And lest pint-sized cineastes be left out of the fun, a children's film festival is also part of the plan. Featured in the lineup — on June 3 and 9 at the Brooklyn Children's Museum — are screen-



ings of animated shorts as well as live-action mini films like Harry Kellerman's "Little Gorilla," the tale of a young boy summoning the courage to scale a daunting jungle gym.

The Brooklyn International Film

Festival will take place from June 1-10 at the Cobble Hill Cinemas (265 Court St., at Butler Street in Cobble Hill) and theaters across the borough. For information, visit www.wbff.org.
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Is it Dry?

By Darrin Siegfried

There's an old poem that I came across that only someone in the wine trade could truly appreciate: it's the lament of an old man who has spent his entire life in the wine business, traveling, tasting, learning and buying. He knows the soil of the vineyards the grapes have grown in, he knows the cellars they were made in. He has worked with great chefs matching wines perfectly with their dishes. He has filled his cellar with outstanding wines from the best vineyards, cellared them so that they are at their peak, ready for the enjoyment and pleasure of his guests, and all anyone ever asks him is: "Is it dry?"

There is no doubt that the question I am asked more often than any other is: "Is it dry?" but when I ask, in return, "What do you mean by dry?" not one person in one hundred actually knows what they mean. Here's what "dry" means with wine: not sweet. Period. Sweet wine is never dry, and dry wine is never sweet. It's that simple. In order to fully understand the difference between dry and sweet, and how wines get that way, we really have to take a look at fermentation.

Fermentation is the process wherein sugar is converted into alcohol by the action of yeast, giving off CO₂ and heat as byproducts. More sugar, potentially, equals more alcohol. As a rule, grapes from cooler climates have less sugar at maturity than grapes from warmer areas do. This disparity in the amount of sugar in the grapes is why so many German wines, for example, can be perfectly dry at 8 or 9 percent alcohol, while Napa Valley wines often come in at mouth-numbing 15 percent yet still have residual sugar in them. Still, sugar levels before fermentation do not always directly relate to sugar levels after fermentation.

The sweetness that we taste in wine is from the sugar in the grapes that is not transformed into alcohol during fermentation. This is called Residual Sugar. What is often confusing for people who are just beginning to learn about wine is learning to differentiate the taste of sweetness (sugar) with the taste of fruit. There are plenty of

wines that are dry (low in sugar) yet smell and taste of ripe fruit. Many of these are terrific warm weather wines, delicious by themselves or with light foods. Some of them are absolutely wonderful "food wines", matching well with a wide range of dishes. The white wines from Germany and Alsace come immediately to mind. If you haven't tried Choucroute Garnie, "real" sauerkraut with several cuts of fresh and smoked pork and pork sausages with a cold, crisp Riesling or Pinot Blanc, you're missing out on one of life's great pleasures.

The fermentation process stops naturally when either all of the available sugar has been turned into alcohol or when the alcohol level has become high enough to kill off the yeast cells. Different strains of yeast can survive in varying concentrations of alcohol. A wine maker can stop the fermentation by chilling the wine and then filtering the yeast out, leaving intact a desired level of residual sugar. Fortified wines such as Sherry, Madeira, Marsala and Port have pure alcohol added to stop fermentation, preserving their naturally high levels of sugar.

In the United States, sweetness in wine is most often thought of as something to avoid, and I can't understand why. We consume far more sugar in its many forms than the people of any other nation, yet we can't imagine drinking a wine with more than a trace of it. Cold drinks contain the same amount of sugar that you'd get if you took your morning coffee with five sugars! Even dessert wines aren't that sweet. Most of us will admit that we've enjoyed a slice of pizza, a hot dog or a hamburger with a cola, right? Why not try a wine that's about one tenth as sweet?

A bit of residual sugar in your wine can often help to balance the flavor of a dish. Two weeks ago, I wrote about Vouvray and mentioned a dish with a simple cream sauce that complemented the wine beautifully: that "just a touch" of sweetness was just what the dish needed. It's all about balance, really... but that's what we'll talk about next week.

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Mazy, hot, hungry

Where to chow down when the mercury is up

By Julianna Bunim
for The Brooklyn Paper

You can barely roll a stroller down the street these days without running into a restaurant with outdoor seating. So now that summer's upon us, GO Brooklyn's Julianna Bunim has put sidewalk service to the test and come up with the borough's five best al fresco options.

Thin-crust pizza at the Cherry Tree

The amount of outdoor space is rad," Cate Reilly, a Boerum Hill resident, told GO Brooklyn. "But I really go here for the \$5 beer bongs and the Irish bar manager." While we're sure those are both great, we're drawn to this bar's big patio for the pizzas baked outside in a brick oven — they've got nine varieties, but the "Di Verdi," loaded with mozzarella, tomato sauce, goat cheese, pesto, Parmesan, tomato, onion and spinach, is the most popular pie. Also, check out the pig roast on the first Saturday of each month — it puts that hibachi on your fire escape to shame.

Do-it-yourself barbecue at Laia Lounge

Balmy evenings are the perfect time to haul your groceries over to Laia, where the backyard grill is open to all. Splurge your own cash on a \$100 menu up for it during happy hour with two-for-one beers, \$4 glasses of wine and margaritas. Rotating live DJs and sum-



Outward bound: Cobble Hill's Pacifico offers top notch Cal-Mex fare, and eating it on their stunning patio makes it that much better.

Cal-Mex ribs at Pacifico

Pacifico is one of the only Mexican places that not only offers fresh veggie-loaded burritos, delicious salmon, unique salsa like sweet pineapple, and the best damn ribs in town, but does so on a sun-

Manhattan views at Alma

Peel your eyes away from postcard-worthy views to dig into a heaping bowl of mushed-to-order guacamole. In Spanish, the word "Alma" means "soul," and there's no doubt this place has it. The deck's retractable roof allows diners to nibble zesty scallop and

snapper ceviche under the stars year-round, and during the summer months there's no better place to pair a cold beer with the "tamales del dia" (corn husks with steamed corn and a choice of sauces) and soak up the sun. Once you're satiated, head downstairs to bar B61 to shoot pool and pursue the jam-packed jukebox.

A perfect square meal at L&B Spumoni Gardens.

At this long-standing Bensonhurst institution, thankfully little has changed in over 60 years. The outdoor picnic tables are still overflowing with devotees who make the trek for time-loved Sicilian squares. No fancy toppings here — only pepperoni, sausage, mushroom and anchovies. Bring your appetite and indulge in several squares, but make sure and leave room for the namesake spumoni — home-made in vanilla, pistachio or rainbow.

Beyond the pale

Skin doctor says it pays to be a shady lady

By Emily Harris
for The Brooklyn Paper

It's finally summer and I can't wait to show some skin.

But each year, the transition from scarves to sundresses becomes more daunting. Even at 25, I notice the little lines around my eyes, the overgrown freckles on the back of my hands and the near-scalars on my pasty legs. Throw in a dry winter with a Brooklyn radiator and soon the idea of stepping out in a swimsuit, or even a short skirt, becomes a cruel one.

As a party gal who's never had a tan that didn't come from a bottle, I was sure I was on top of the sunscreen game. When I sat down to talk with Dr. Louis Trane and Dr. Don Creag of the newly opened LOMA Wellness Center in the Columbia Street Waterfront District, though, I quickly learned that I'm guilty of some of the worst



Made in the shade: Staying out of the sun is the key to looking young, as our writer learned.

summer sun offenses.

"Reapplication is key," Creag, LOMA's spa director, advised. "Some people think they can put on sunscreen

and go out all day long, which is simply not the case."

And that big, floppy hat that I thought was the perfect shade? It's better than

nothing, but it's not enough. According to Creag and Trane the sun will reflect off of water and sand — and just about anything else — and can do damage from below (chin burn, anyone?).

Perhaps the worst, and most common, offense of all is stepping out "for just a few minutes" without sunscreen. Whether running out for an afternoon coffee, taking the dog to the park or walking across the neighborhood for lunch, if you're outside without sun protection, you're doing damage to your skin.

"Most people think 'Oh, I'll only be out for 20 minutes' and don't put on sunscreen," Creag said. "But it's amazing how much damage you can do in 20 minutes. And, it's cumulative."

To erase at least the top layer of damage, Trane and Creag suggested a facial with a peel. In an act of indulgence, I opted for the deep cleansing facial (\$110). In an act of bravery, I opted for my first-ever bikini wax — a "deep bikini" at that (\$40).

After a surprisingly non-painful wax, and a heavenly facial, both from aesthetician Jennifer Paulick, I left with less hair, tighter skin and a new appreciation for sunscreen.

But for Trane, the skin is only a reflection of what's on the inside. And that's the idea behind LOMA. "It's the Canyon Ranch mentality in an urban setting."

And while Canyon Ranch sounds nice, when it comes to your skin you'd do better to save your time and money by just using — and reapplying — sunscreen.

"It's hard to go back and fix the damage," Trane admitted. "It's easy to prevent the damage from ever occurring."

Happening beats

A lot has changed since Calvin Johnson (pictured) began playing music in the early 1980s. Indie rock got popular, zines died and iPods changed the record industry. But at least one thing remains the same: Johnson, now in his mid-40s, is still considered a pioneering figure on the independent music scene — and not for nothing. Over the past two decades, Johnson founded K Records, one of the most influential independent record labels of all time, fronted classic indie rock bands Beat Happening, the Halo Benders and Dub Narcotic

Sound System, and developed a rich catalog of solo material. Given this legacy, Johnson's latest creative endeavor seems particularly apt. It's a record called "Calvin Johnson & the Sons of the Soil" on which he covers his own songs. Released last month on K, the album features 11 new versions of some of Johnson's best tracks from over the years. The idea for the project came from a few fellow K artists and collaborators. "They had the idea that instead of playing my songs acoustic, I should have a 'real band' and could play songs from whenever, not just my solo

stuff," Johnson, who will perform on June 1, told GO Brooklyn. Though a number of Johnson's shows are taking him to rural areas, he told us he's never tired of visiting Brooklyn. "I love playing New York," he said. "I also love playing in the middle of nowhere. I just love playing." Calvin Johnson will perform on June 1 at 8 pm at Don Pedro's (90 Manhattan Ave., between Boerum and McKibben streets in East Williamsburg). For information, visit www.toddprync.com. —Joe Pempco



COOL...

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tially a religious experience. I'm not lying when I say tears sprang from my eyes as I sank both into the hot fudge sundae. As veteran employee Brian Terrazas put it, "We make everything here ourselves, so it's personal."

Liberty Heights Tap Room

Steady Dan cover bands, hip-hop karaoke, extraordinarily powerful A/C and rivers of Sixpoint Ale make Liberty Heights one of the best — and strangest — places to pass an intolerably hot evening. On various occasions, I've encountered what appeared to be a bar mitzvah after-party, a gay-biker convention and a lodge meeting of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. There's also a beautiful marble-topped bar, scrumptious pizza and towering "Super Nachos" that seems at first sight to be the breadwork of a castle.

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The Liberty Heights Tap Room (34 Van Dyke St., at Dwight Street in Red Hook) is open Thursday and Friday from 4 pm and Sunday and Sunday from 1 pm.

Montero's (73 Atlantic Ave., at Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights) is open daily from noon-2 am. For information, call (718) 624-9799.

Mugs Ale House (125 Bedford Ave., at North 10th Street in Williamsburg) is open daily from 2pm-4 am. For information, call (718) 466-8232.

major food groups (check the USDA pyramid if you don't believe me): coffee, beer and corn dogs. Which is another way of saying it's making a hard pitch for a place in that black heart of yours.

Readings in the air-conditioned store, cocktails in the shaded backyard and musical performances abound, as does a general feeling of bliss. "Now that it's spring, people can just hang out in our backyard to drink and read and relax," said co-owner Samantha Citrin. I suppose I should mention there's also an admirable collection of used books.

Montero's Bar & Grill

Thousands of years ago, give or take a few days, glaciers carved Brooklyn out of the Earth's crust. Not much later, Montero's opened. An old longshoreman's haunt with a world-class collection of nautically themed bric-a-brac, Montero's has a mighty air conditioner as well as that "old New York" feel you hear so much about these days. To wit: a man was stabbed to death here in the 1980s. But don't worry, it's much safer now.

The place has a lively cast of regulars. "Everyone from movie stars to the homeless," according to owner Pepe Montero. Don't miss the bar's 60th anniversary on July 7.

Mugs Ale House

In one of the greatest swindles in recent history, the delightfully frothy, traditional 20-ounce pint glass has been replaced in New York by 14- and 16-ounce glasses, yet without a concomitant drop in price. These new "pints" have thicker sides and bottoms, so they appear to be the real thing. That is until you hold a 20-ounce in your hand and it feels like a Big Gulp.

There are no fake pints at Mugs, and chitty beers are \$4 instead of the ubiquitous \$6 outrage you find elsewhere. "We're kind of a throwback," bartender Sean Wyberg told GO Brooklyn. "I guess a lot of bars are hoping the customers don't notice the difference, but it's obviously not the same." Amen, brother.

As you can see, the next month promises to be quite tolerable, despite the Parks Department's tardy pool openings.

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Rapper collared for pot at Battery Tunnel

By Lilo H. Stainton
The Brooklyn Paper

76th Precinct

Wu-Tang Clan rapper Method Man was nabbed on May 17 near the Brooklyn entrance to the Battery Tunnel with a car filled with marijuana, police said.

Sources said MTA Bridges and Tunnel police, who patrol the island singer's tricked out SUV at around 10 pm because it had expired license plates. Closer inspection revealed a scent of other wrongdoing; apparently, the police caught wind of the weed. "It was like something out of 'Cheech and Chong,'" one officer was quoted in the New York Daily News, referring to two pot-loving icons from a prior generation.

He rolls down the window and the smoke would choke a horse," the officer continued.

Police declined to comment officially on the bust, but several published accounts say Method Man, who is known to his mother as Clifford Smith, was charged with marijuana possession and driving under the influence (of the marijuana) and driving an unregistered car.

Method Man has a new album scheduled for release this summer.

Teen targeted

A posse of four thugs stole a cellphone from a teenage boy on President Street on May 7, police said.

The 54-year-old victim was walking home from school just after 4 pm when he was attacked, near the corner of Smith Street. One brute asked him for the time, then the other three stepped up and knocked him to the ground. Once on the pavement, the attackers punched and kicked the boy and snatched his cell.

The teen said all the boys were black, around 5-foot-6 and 140 pounds.

Shove rob

It certainly wasn't the romantic evening anyone might have envisioned.

A trio of thugs violently robbed a woman on Hoyt Street as she headed to her boyfriend's home on May 10, police said.

The 46-year-old was near the corner of Sackett Street, just before 9:30 pm, when someone shoved her from behind. She fell to the pavement, knocking her chin on the ground and causing damage to her teeth.

A second thief swiped her bag and removed the wallet, which held a driver's license, credit cards, \$350 and tickets to the Museum of Natural History. The pair, plus their female accomplice, dashed off, but dropped

Method Man

the bag — without the wallet — on Douglas Street.

Worker struck

A Transit Authority worker was robbed while walking home on Court Street before dawn on May 10, police said.

The victim was a National Rifle Association member, but that night he was only armed with his identification card.

The 54-year-old man was wearing Grant Street, just before 5:30 am, when a stranger came up and punched him in the left eye socket and tried to steal his wallet. The victim struggled with his attacker, but the man managed to unzip the man's jacket and slide out his billfold.

The thief, described as a 5-foot-9, 160-pound black man, dressed in black, ran off with the man's Transit Authority ID card, an ATM card, plus health insurance information, credit cards and his NRA card.

Smith St. mug

The streets may be safer these days, but certainly not crime-free. Especially at 4 am.

That was the unpleasant truth learned by a 31-year-old woman who lost her purse to a pair of men on May 6.

The woman was walking home around 4 am when a stranger threw her up against a wall. Another man then swiped her purse and both attackers ran off with her non-driver ID card, an ATM card, her Social Security card and \$40.

84th Precinct

Just business

A man in business attire and a black hat, and toting a briefcase, burst into a boutique on Livingston Street, near Flatbush Avenue, on May 19 and threatened the employees if they didn't give him money, police said.

The 29-year-old worker told cops that the man came in at 10 am and insisted, "Don't move. Give me all the money, or else it won't be good."

Instead of testing the visitor's commitment, the employee turned over \$75, and the man ran off on Livingston Street.

Cops described the thief as a 50-year-old, 5-foot-6, 150-pound black man, dressed in all black and carrying the case.

Charity hit

A fundraiser — even for the thief.

A man swiped a designer purse with nearly \$1,500 in goods from a charity benefit while the owner was putting the finishing touches on the May 19 event, police said.

The 53-year-old victim left her bag in an empty room, where one door was locked and another one not, inside a St. Francis College building on Remsen Street, near Court Street. Sometime between 5:30 and 10:30 pm, someone snatched the red purse, valued at \$500 alone, with an iPod, cellphone and wallet, which held credit cards, a \$75 personal check and \$50 in cash.

Also stolen was a pair of African carved wooden bowls, worth \$200 together.

Italian stallion

An 80-year-old Italian man had his mojo crushed when someone stole \$4,000 from a secret stash inside his refrigerator on May 16, police said.

The senior was entertaining two women inside his apartment on Atlantic Avenue, near Henry Street, around 2 pm. When he checked his refrigerator, where he kept a safe and other valuables, he found the door ajar and the cash — along with a savings account passbook and a one-carat diamond engagement ring — gone.

Loriano told cops that he did not suspect the thief.

Boutique bust

A woman put her purse down inside the park at the foot of Washington Street in DUMBO on May 12 and, moments later, saw a trio of thieves disappearing with her bag, police said.

The 33-year-old wandered into the park, near the corner of Plymouth Street, at around 7:30 pm. Moments later, she saw the thieves run off with the bag, which contained a video camera, an iPod, a digital camera, a cellphone, her European ID and \$100.

A clothes-horse is on the loose, it seems.

A suspect known to merchants in Park Slope stole 10 pairs of jeans — worth \$1,500 — from a Smith Street clothing

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shop on May 17, police said.

The sticky-fingered shopper wandered into the boutique, near Lefferts toward St. James Place. Police found four 45-caliber shell casings and collected the victim's bloodstained pants as additional evidence.

Car crimes

At least one car was stolen from the streets of Fort Greene and another vandalized while parked inside the Atlantic Center Mall parking garage, police reports show.

Chain reaction

Police nabbed a man who tried to swipe a pendant valued at \$8,000 from a Willowbury Street jewelry store on May 19, police said.

The faux-shopper wandered into the store, near Smith Street, at 5 pm, and asked to look at the necklace, which he checked out. Once the man tried to leave, he was restrained until Police Officer Washington Mosquera came and arrested the 28-year-old man, who tried violently to resist being handcuffed, Mosquera said.

Doggone Jag

Talk about a return to reality. A Brooklyn Heights woman has had luck from vacation to town.

The 67-year-old woman left town on May 1, at 5:30 pm, and returned at noon on May 19. When she went to check on her car at the garage near Willow Place, the 2002 green luxury vehicle had disappeared.

78th Precinct

Mayhem, theft

A man and woman pulled the old distraction trick at a popular Japanese restaurant on May 16 and walked out with more than \$600 in cash and goods.

The couple had entered the restaurant, which is on Seventh Avenue between Garfield Place and First Street, at around 7:30 pm. The woman created a disturbance and demanded a larger table while her male partner — who was carrying a garbage bag — rummaged around on the floor.

The woman then left the restaurant, followed by her male companion, still toting the garbage bag.

Seconds later, a waitress noticed something amiss and said to one of her diners, "Didn't you have a bag?" That was the 42-year-old woman checked and noticed that, indeed, her handbag had been taken.

The \$100 handbag had contained a fancy Nokia cellphone, a wallet, various credit cards, and at least \$250 in prepaid gift cards.

Beat and mug

Two thugs knuckled a woman to the ground and then stole her purse and cellphone just after midnight on May 14, cops said.

The 25-year-old Clinton Hill woman was walking down Garfield Place between Fifth and Sixth avenues at 12:30 am when the two men approached from behind. One of the perps hit her on the head, knocking her to the ground, where the other thug helped her to her bag and phone.

The pair ran off towards Fourth Avenue, cops said. The woman lost credit cards and miscellaneous papers.

Cars washed

At least three cars — all old models — were swiped off Park Slope streets last week.

In the first grand theft auto, a 31-year-old woman told cops that she'd parked her 2000 Honda Civic on Sixth Avenue between Third and Fourth streets at around 7 pm on May 14. When she returned to it the next morning, there was only broken glass where the car had been.

Later that same day, a 37-year-old woman parked her 1999 Toyota RAV-4 on Sixth Avenue between President Street and Garfield Place. When she returned to the car two days later, it was gone (though there was no broken glass this time).

Finally, on May 20, a man parked his car on 10th Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues at around 7 pm. When he returned to the 1997 Ford less than an hour later, it was gone.

Maid made

Neil Young once sang that a man needs a maid. But at one area supermarket, a thief certainly made good use of one.

A woman told cops that she had given her credit card to her housekeeper to do some shopping at a supermarket on Ninth Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues on April 29.

When the maid got to the checkout line, she no longer had the card — and then suddenly remembered being bumped

while she did her shopping. She not only lost her boss's card, but \$100.

Very catty

A woman who had hung up her purse on a barroom hook returned to a few hours later to found the bag gone.

The 26-year-old woman was at a popular bar on Fourth Avenue between Carroll and First streets at around 9 pm on May 12. She lost \$60, a Metrocard with \$30 on it and various credit and debit cards.

Conned Ed

Someone stole a \$4,000 air conditioner recharger unit from the Con Ed plant on First Street on May 15.

The security guard at the facility, which is between Third and Fourth avenues, told cops that nothing unusual occurred that day — except for a "suspicious" green and white truck that entered the plant at around 5:40 pm.

The two men inside the truck signed in as J. Postorael and R. Gonzalez, and the guard let them in, even though "she had never seen them before," cops said.

The pair left the facility three hours later with the Robin Air Con Tech unit in the back of their truck, cops believe.

Big burp

Thieves knew which Fourth Avenue apartment to hit on May 18, walking off with close to \$7,000 in jewelry and electronics, cops said.

The tenant of the unit, which is between 11th and 12th streets, told cops that sometime between 5:30 pm and early the next morning, a thief or thieves broke in and cleaned him out.

Lost in the robbery were an iPod, a digital camera, necklaces worth \$1,500 and a pair of diamond earrings worth \$4,000, cops said.

Bikerman thief

Someone stole a fancy bicycle from the basement of a Prospect Place house on or around May 18, cops said.

The victim told police that he rarely double-locks the basement door. That oversight apparently allowed a thief to break in and take his \$500 Raleigh mountain bike sometime between 9:30 pm on May 18 and noon the next day.

Lab rat

A microbiology technician at New York Methodist Hospital didn't need to look very hard to realize that someone had stolen her purse while she was grabbing quick breakfast on May 19.

The lab worker told cops that she had slipped out of her work area at around 1 am for a bite. When she returned to the Coach leather bag, which contained \$120, a Razor phone and a nifty leather wallet, it was gone.

Office fiend

A man's co-worker smacked him in the face and stole his cellphone on May 20 — but later ended up behind bars.

The Bronx man told cops that the beating took place in front of 210 Fifth Ave., which is between Union and President streets at around 6 pm.

Just a few minutes later, the alleged perp was collared by cops and charged with robbery, possession of stolen property, resisting arrest, menacing and harassment.

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OUR OPINION

The value of local voices

BOROUGH PRESIDENT MARKOWITZ IS certainly coming close to emulating President Bush's firing of nine U.S. Attorneys in his dismissal of nine members of Community Board 6 for the sin of thinking independently about Bruce Ratner's Atlantic Yards mega-development.

Indeed, in both cases, people lost important jobs because they contradicted the very elected officials who appointed them to their positions — positions where independence is a vital part of the job description.

New York's 51 community boards — each comprised of 50 people with a stake in their neighborhoods — rarely make headlines, but they remain a vital cog in our democracy. While the board members' role is only advisory, they are often the first people to whom residents turn when a sinkhole has opened up or, more important, when elected officials aren't listening.

And they have a City Charter-mandated role in taking a first look at most development and land-use projects.

The boards typically represent a broad cross-section of their communities. Local business owners, homeowners, renters, developers, any number of special interests, senior citizens, newcomers, rich and poor — they are all represented on a good community board.

Atlantic Yards provides the perfect case-in-point

for why these handworking volunteers should be allowed to do their job without having to worry about heaving to some party line. In the rush to get the project approved before Gov. Pataki left office, many not-so-minor details were blown off.

Like traffic. Like transit. Like the project's massive environmental impact. Like the use of state condemnation power to seize privately owned homes and turn them over to Ratner for private profit. Like the massive taxpayer-backed subsidies that virtually eliminate any risk and guarantee a handsome profit to Ratner.

On all these issues (and others) independent-minded community board members bucked the elected officials who lined up like ducks behind Ratner and pointed out genuine flaws in the project.

The fact that SOME of these flaws were later remedied speaks volumes about the importance of independent thinking.

Borough President Markowitz shamefully denied that his dismissals were linked to the ousted board members' opposition to Atlantic Yards, but many members of Community Board 6 spoke out about the Bep's increasing vindictiveness towards anyone who backs him when Ratner's business is at stake.

The image of Markowitz shouting at community board members is quite in contrast to the sweetness-and-light he projects to the general public, a cheer-

leader-in-chief who wants you to think that Atlantic Yards has no critics — even as he silences them.

Councilman Bill DeBlasio, who gets to nominate a handful of board members, pending the borough president's approval, dismissed one opponent of Atlantic Yards, telling this newspaper that he did so because, in his view, her vote against Atlantic Yards was a vote against affordable housing.

While DeBlasio tried to appear candid and reasonable, his reasoning is flawed. As this newspaper has noted, the "affordable housing" component of Atlantic Yards is a sham: the below-market-rate units are being created with tax subsidies that line Bruce Ratner's pocket, and a far-less-dense alternative proposal included MORE affordable units.

Turnover on community boards — like any leadership position — isn't necessarily a bad thing, and giving different citizens the opportunity to serve on the boards is reason enough to make changes. But to target individuals because their opinion on a specific project is different from the official who appoints them is wrong. The community board is supposed to be a place for free expression, not the mouthpiece of our elected officials — who have plenty of opportunities to make their voices heard.

ALL DRAWN OUT



LETTERS

Without Arab contributions, we'd be in the Dark Ages

To the editor,

When I first heard of the Gibrán Academy my coming to Park Slope, I was excited. I'm familiar with Gibrán and any child who gets to study his works is truly privileged.

Gibrán inspired many, dared to challenge modern thought and was a complete visionary. Would anyone dare close a Da Vinci school? Or what about an Einstein one?

Anti-academy feeling is driven by Arabophobia. But the Arabophobes should never forget what Arabs have contributed to OUR civilization, such as architecture, philosophy, language and calligraphy, music (such as the harp, lyre, zither, drum, tambourine, flute, oboe and reed instruments), astronomy, medicine, navigation and geography, horticulture, crafts (like glassware, ceramics, textile weaves, detailed mosaics, tiles, carvings and paintings) and mathematics.

The Moors ruled Spain from 711 to 1492. Who do you think were guiding the boats of Christopher Columbus? Arabs. Without the Arab contributions to our civilization, we would not exist as a civilized world.

Josh Cohen, Park Slope

To the editor,

One letter writer to The Brooklyn Paper says that no one wanted the Khalil Gibran Academy in Boerum Hill. That's not true. I live in Boerum Hill and am thrilled to have the school on my street.

This neighborhood has been beautifully Arab since the 1920s, and it still retains an

Arab character. Think of Sabadi's, Rashid Records, all the wonderful groceries and all the restaurants here.

Downtown Brooklyn has two Arab churches, three mosques, countless Arab-owned businesses and is home to the Arab-American Family Support Center. The Arabness of this neighborhood is part of what drew me, an Arab-American, back to the neighborhood that my great grandparents knew and loved.

I believe the Gibrán Academy will be a wonderful addition to our neighborhood.

Dave Hall, Boerum Hill

To the editor,

Although I have plenty of choice words of my own concerning how ineptly the Khalil Gibran International Academy was announced by the city and the disgraceful press coverage ("Timeline of a debacle," May 12), I went online to gather a few more thoughtful ones from the person for whom this school is named.

"Safeguarding the rights of others is the most noble and beautiful end of a human being. I believe in you, and I believe in your destiny. I believe that you are contributors to this new civilization. I believe that you have inherited from your forefathers an ancient dream, a song, a prophecy, which you can proudly lay as a gift of gratitude upon the lap of America. I believe that you can say to the Founders of this great nation, 'Here I am, a youth, a young

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tree, whose roots were plucked from the hills of Lebanon, yet am I deeply rooted here, and I will be fruitful."

Those words were from Khalil Gibran.

Jerry Kruse, Park Slope

Bagel battle joined

To the editor,

A local businessman expanded into Brooklyn using a name that made potential customers cringe, "Arena Bagels" ("Fight over Arena ... Bagels!" The Brooklyn Angle, May 19).

But the issue at hand isn't your columnist's assertion that Atlantic Yards opponents bullied a business owner. The issue is this: there's really nothing worse for business than ticking off potential customers before they walk through the door.

And your columnist erred when he equated the Arena Bagels issue with the Brooklyn Brewery boycott — which is still on as far as I am concerned.

Brewery owner Steve Hindy took a public position of support for Bruce Ratner's

project. As a business owner, he didn't have to; and as a passionate consumer of microbrews, I still choose not to support his position with my hard-earned dollars.

Lumi Michelle Rolley, Park Slope
The writer is producer of the Web site, NoLandGrab.org

Thank Ratner!

To the editor,

In your May 12 issue, you published photos of the Flatbush Avenue buildings that are being torn down by Bruce Ratner ("Yassky to city: Hold Ratner accountable"). Seeing those buildings coming down made me so happy. That blight should have been torn down 50 years ago, and Ratner should be given a medal.

The sooner this area is rebuilt the better.

It is amusing that the people who are against the rebuilding of this area are the new arrivals. I've lived in Brooklyn all my life — 66 years and going strong — and sent my kids to school here.

Alvin Pankin, Downtown

Simcha's bill is good

To the editor,

I commend your actions to prevent and discourage littering ("Law would destroy my livelihood," The Brooklyn Angle, May 5). But why should flyers, papers, etc., be allowed to be tossed in my front yard? The

wet plastic covering is unsafe and also advertises that a private home is empty or unoccupied, a signal for home break-ins.

Throwing paper in my front yard is hardly the "exchange of ideas and information" that your columnist wisely champions.

John Murray, Bay Ridge

Witness this crime

To the editor,

As usual, the media paints the Jehovah's Witnesses in the worst possible light.

In your story about the Watchtower Society's plans to sell many of its Brooklyn Heights buildings ("Selloff," May 12), you wrote that "the Witnesses stand to make a lot of filthy lucre from the sale of these buildings."

Having once stayed overnight in the Standish Arms before the gut renovation was done by the Witnesses, I can tell you that it was a "roach hotel." The walls and ceilings literally were crawling with the filthy creatures.

After the departure of the previous occupants, the Witnesses redid everything and made it habitable by clean people. It remains a "Class A" building.

Would the media have preferred for us to have left the buildings as the slums they once were, so that they could then criticize us as having been slum-lords, doing nothing toward neighborhood improvement?

Willard Parker, West Haven, Conn.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
In the Matter of the Complaint of Kevin Medina, aka OWNER of the WAVE RUNNER SUNSET RUNNER, FOR ENFORCEMENT FROM AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY IN A DISPUTE WITH JUDGE AMICH.
MARGARETE JUDGE FOREHOLSKY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF AMENDED COMPLAINT
FOR ENFORCEMENT FROM AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY
Notice is hereby given that Kevin Medina, as owner of the wave runner SUNSET RUNNER ("SUNSET RUNNER"), has filed an Amended Complaint ("Complaint") pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 20051, et seq. (2004) (formerly 46 U.S.C. § 191, et seq.) claiming the right to the wave runner from or limitation of liability for all claims for loss, damage, injury, or destruction allegedly caused by or resulting from the wave runner from July 2004 to a date to be determined by the SUNSET RUNNER on the date of this notice in accordance with the terms of the Complaint. All persons, firms, or corporations asserting claims against Kevin Medina with respect to the wave runner must file a written statement of their claims with the court within the time specified in the Complaint, under oath, with the Clerk of Court, Brooklyn, New York, and to serve on the attorneys for Kevin Medina & Frank, Esq. of The Law Firm of Kevin Medina & Frank, LLP, 111 Livingston Street, New York, New York, 10001, a copy thereof on or before the 4th day of June, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. or as thereafter amended. Personal appearance is not required. Any claimant who fails to file a statement of claim within the time specified in the Complaint shall file a statement of claim with the court and serve on the attorneys for Kevin Medina & Frank, Esq. of The Law Firm of Kevin Medina & Frank, LLP, 111 Livingston Street, New York, New York, 10001, a copy thereof on or before the 4th day of June, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. or as thereafter amended. 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